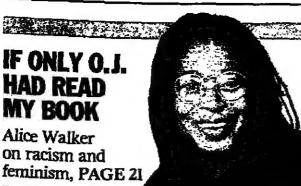
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High-spending euro states face heavy fines

IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN countries that fail to control their budget deficits after oining a single currency will face heavy and repeated fines, under proposals to be put forward by the European Commission today.

Fines could accumulate beyond I per cent of Gross Domestic Product for states that persistently fail to correct excessive deficits after being ruled out of line.

past year, largely under German pressure, and is expected to be adopted today.

The so-called stability pact is

deemed vital by Germany to ensure that the euro remains as strong as the mark after it replaces national currencies on January I, 1999. But Italy, Spain and other countries making fierce efforts to squeeze through the EMU entry test have qualms about a perma-

states will qualify to join the currency in 1999. Germany is increasingly worried that some members with shakier economies may - with effort and creative accounting - manage to squeak into the euro only to revert to bad habits once inside its zone.

Under the Commission's draft, which is likely to be modified before final approval by EU leaders in December, delinquent states ruled out of line.

The system of semi-automatic sanctions against high-spending in recent weeks has raised the sanctions against high-spending in recent weeks has raised the sanctions against high-spending in recent weeks has raised the sanctions.

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would be given a ten-month warning if their budget deficits exceeded in recent weeks has raised the sanctions.

EMU entry set out in the Maas-tricht treaty. If such states failed to reduce the deficit, the Council of Ministers would order them to deposit between 0.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent of GDP to a noninterest-bearing account at the European Central Bank. A rising scale would be applied to punish gross overspenders more heavily. States that exceeded the Maastricht criteria for national debt would be subjected to a straight 0.2 per cent deposit. If a member state still failed to bring its deficit below 3 per cent in two years, the funds would

budget as a fine and a further deposit immediately demanded. The process would continue until the deficit was brought down.

EU ministers and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the monerary com-missioner, insist that the scheme is designed as a deterrent whose success will be proved if it is never used. However, the creation of such a disciplinary mechanism is sowing fears around Europe because it will further trim governments' sovereignty over fiscal poliforced them to overspend, The Commission's draft con-

cedes that the sanctions should not apply in exceptional and temporary circumstances beyond the control of a national government. but an exact definition of those circumstances has yet to be resolved. It could cover natural disasters, serious recessions or shocks such as the oil price explosion in the 1970s.

Although the German finance minister Theo Waigel had sought the rest of the EU has swung round to a scheme privately dismissed as

unworkable last year. The Commission will also be issuing its proposals for reinforcing budgetary discipline in countries that aspire to EU membership but fail to qualify. Part of the system will be a new exchange-rate mechanism to harness currencies outside the euro zone to the single currency. The new-look ERM is backed by all EU states except Britain

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Ministers opt to extend handgun ban

AN ABSOLUTE ban on the most dangerous handguns, including semi-automatics of the type used by Thomas Hamilton in the Dunblane massacre, is to be announced

As expected, people will no longer be allowed to keep any handgun at home, but the Government is also going beyond the Cullen inquiry's recommendations and prohibiting the use of larger repeating handguns anywhere except by the police and armed

The Government intends to shoot the 22 pistols used in Olympic competition and lower calibre weapons at clubs. But even that might be forbidden if enough Conservative MPs support the approach agreed by Labour yesterday.

As Cabinet ministers were considering their response to Lord Cullen's Dunblane report, Labour shifted its stance to favour of a complete ban on the ownership and use of any handgun by non-professionals. A number of Conservatives also support that policy and - depending on the stance of the Ulster Unionists - the Commons could well vote for the full ban when the legislation comes forward later this year.

Yesterday the Tory MPs Hugh Dykes and Robert Hughes signed a cross-party early-day motion calling for such a ban "in the interests of public safety". Mr Dykes said: "It is really to focus the debate very strongly on this growing perception amongst the public that nothing less than the complete prohibition on the Aprivate ownership and use of

handguns will do." Both the Government and



Forsyth: victory over

Labour would allow exceptions for professionals such as surgeons, the police, the military or seafarers firing distress flares.

Labour's change of stance came after Tony Blair met Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, yesterday afternoon. Labour sources said that the party had already been "seven-eighths of the way" to backing a full ban. The only possible exception had been for single shot handguns under 22 calibre but, having listened to police advice and public opinion, it was now likely that Labour would come out for a complete

Labour has been clearly been influenced by the emotional appearance of the Snowdrop campaign's Ann Pearston at the Blackpool conference two weeks ago, and the Conservatives are certain to accuse the party of blatant coportunism.

Labour, however, argued last night that the Government had moved beyond the original plan to ban home

because of Labour pressure. The Government's position, while angering the gun lobby. will go some way towards meeting the concerns of antihandgun groups and is a victory for Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, over more cautious members of the Cabinet, which yesterday spent 90 minutes discussing Lord Cullen's report into the schoolroom massacre of 16 children and their teacher. The response will be announced with the 200 page

report today. the Cabinet had agreed "a substantive and very considered response". Asked if ministers were happy with Lord Cullen's report, the spokesman said: "He has done a very careful and thorough job and presented a long report which addresses a lot of issues."

The handguns ministers want banned include all large calibre pistols and revolvers, which have a small but dedicated following in this country. Apart from a very few specialist weapons and antique flintlocks, the vast majority of modern handguns with calibres above .22 calibre are able to take several rounds, from traditional sixshooter revolvers to semiautomatic pistols whose magazines can hold 13 or more

Enthusiasts determined to hang on to their handguns may find it possible to have them adapted to take only a single shot or have the barre replaced with one of the smaller calibre. Most, however, are likely to give up their sport in disgust as opportunities to shoot their weapons disappear.



Alison Radbourne hugs her daughter Ann-Marie in Exeter yesterday

Girl, 10, reunited with mother

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl who disappeared with her family lodger was reunited with her mother yesterday after police spotted the couple walking along a road in Exeter (Joanna

Ann-Marie Radbourne and Paul Husbands, 51, were

found by two Ministry of Defence police. The girl was well but hungry after being away from her Paignton home since Sunday. She had slept in

derelict buildings. Detective Constable Fred Fleming, who was on his way to a court case, said later: "We just felt seeing the older man with a young girl did not seem right. Ann-Marie was very quiet but not frightened or distressed. Both were taken to the city's Heavitree police

A man was later arrested on suspicion of abduction.

In-store GPs

Supermarkets will be free to run doctors' surgeries, under proposals to deregulate GP



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Passenger goes berserk on Atlantic flight shirt, said: "I didn't have time

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

SIX passengers on a Virgin Atlantic jet yesterday joined in a terrifying mid-air struggle to control an American who went berserk at 30,000ft, halfway across the Atlantic. The New Yorker, 37, was

flying in the premium economy section of flight VS076 from Orlando to Manchester when he allegedly began lash-ing out wildly. Attempts by the crew to restrain him failed and on five occasions the man managed to fight his way out of nylon and metal handcuffs that had been used to strap him to his seat.

As the captain made preparations to make an emergency landing at Shannon airport. the man was subdued when Paul Hogan, another pass-



Hogan: punched rowdy passenger in the face

enger, punched him and broke his nose. Police met the plane at the airport and took a man away in handcuffs. Richard Branson, the chairman of Virgin, last night wrote

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the passengers to thank them for their courage and the crew paid tribute to Mr Hogan, 32. However. Mr Hogan, wearing a blood-spattered T-

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ing about my family and all the other passengers."

Mr Hogan, a car salesman from Bradford, west Yorkshire, was returning from two weeks in the United States

to be frightened. I was think-

with his wife. Tracey, and son, Daniel, 12. "I noticed the man about four hours before we were due to land. He was arguing with the stewards," he said. Then he walked up through the premium class cabin towards the cockpit. I stuck my head behind the curtain because I thought there was going to be trouble."

James Mulahy from Palm

Coast, Florida, was last night charged with endangering an aircraft and being drunk on board an aircraft. He is due to appear in court at Manchester

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Markets and pound surge

Confidence in Britain's economic policies yesterday pro-pelled the pound to its best level against the mark for nearly two years and the stock: market to another record,

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Speaker permits Willetts inquiry

The Speaker has paved the way for an inquiry into allegations that David Willetts, the Paymaster General, tried to influence an independent Commons investigation into the cash-for-questions affair. MPs are expected to support the inquiry today...... Page 2

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scheme upsets Tory councils By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT the money will be taken from TWO Conservative councils

School voucher

which test-ran the Government's nursery voucher scheme will say today that it wastes teachers' time, confuses parents and is unlikely private mursery places in deprived areas.

Wandsworth and Westminster councils, which pride themselves on pursuing radical Tory policies, will voice their concerns at a Commons select committee. The Times has also learnt that Norfolk, another of the four pilot areas and home county of Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, also

has reservations. Criticism from such unexpected quarters as Wandsworth and Westminster will give further ammunition to those who oppose government. of the £730 million scheme in April. But it will not deter ministers, who regard the scheme as a key general

election vote-winner. Under the scheme, parents of all four-year-olds will receive vouchers worth £1,100 towards a nursery place at private or state schools or playgroups. Three quarters of local authority budgets and El65 million will be new gov-

Westminster's report to to-

ernment funding.

day's Education and Employment select committee hearing says: Teachers have had to be diverted from their teaching and much pressure exerted on parents ... Concerns about bureautracy and current level of provision are inherent in the scheme." It adds: "Market forces on their own will not address shortage of places in

Wandsworth Council says: The demands of the voucher collection cannot be underestimated. The suspicion is that many children will face the possibility of a lower standard of nursery education."

Michael Edwards, Norfolk county education officer, said able". Extra local authority places had been created; but some at the expense of six private nurseries that had

been forced out of business. Robin Squire, the Education Minister, said the experience of the trial areas would help to iron out problems before the scheme went national.

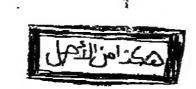


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Milk and orange juice

'bring on hyperactivity'

Mothers who encourage children to drink milk and orange juice may be stimulating hyperactivity, a conference in London was told yesterday. Professor Joseph Egger, of the University Children's Hospital in Munich, said that both contribute to behavioural problems in some shild-

could contribute to behavioural problems in some children.

His research has shown that chemical additives such as

colourings are the commonest causes, followed by cow's milk.

False prophets lose plot in repeat farce

waited all summer for this? At their first Prime Minister's Questions since July, John Major and Tony Blair bored the pants off us.

A thousand days to prepare for a thousand years!" the Labour leader had been crying, by the seashore, a fortnight earlier. That thousand days begins now. One had hoped Mr Blair might have marked the event by kicking off his final stint crying in the Westminster wilderness dressed for the part. "His raiment was made from camels' hair and a leathern girdle about his loins," says the Good Book "and his meat was locusts and wild honey". But Mr Blair's

Armani and a silken necktie about his collar. Upon the dispatch box, no stone platter. no locusts, no honey. No beard, either. His hair was by Michaeljohn (£60).

"A buccaneering spirit." Mr Major had promised us not a

week ago, at Bournemouth.

"gritty resolve". "I'll be out there among you!" How then would he greet the start of his last stint before the prize fight? Would he come swaggering on wrapped in a hooded dressing gown, hair tousled, shadow boxing? No. His raiment was made from wool worsted (Austin Reed) and a nicely pressed white shirt about his breast. Mr Major's hair was by Trump-



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

ers (£19.50 with shampoo). So the signs were not good. Still, we thought, perhaps the fireworks will be verbal.

The first question was from Scottish Labour's rogueishly likeable Ronnie Campbell (Blyth Valley), the only MP known to have a tattoo. "As a working-class warrior my-self," he began — then made as to remove his jacket: "I'll take my coat off," he nodded to the Prime Minister. A good start, but his question was routine, about Major's children's private education. Mr

Major's answer was routing too - about Blair's child's private education. Things

were going downhill.
Up got Tony Blair. Count-down: 5-4-3-2-1 ... start of the Thousand Days. Total letdown. The Labour leader bleated away about the failings of the internal market in the health service — words such as "disgrace", "crisis" and "fundamental damage" thudding harmlessly into the leather seatbacks.

Up got Mr Major. Count-down: 5-4-3-2-1 ... start of the

fabled Tory Fightback. Total letdown. The Prime Minister droned on interminably about expenditure, waiting lists and numbers of staff meaningless statistics ricocheting emptily around the Chamber's walls. "The Rt Hon Gentleman is

quite wrong ..." (Major); "I really do not know how he can dare mention dentistry ..." (Blair). To MPs without number is granted the gift of boring us at length and for hours. Only to a rare few is granted the gift of boring us briefly and at once. Blair and

Major are among them.

They were joined yesterday in this Mission to Bore by Paddy Ashdown. Mr Ashdown, after years of crack. training in the Special Boat Squadron, can bore at a single glance, "A simple question," announced the Liberal Democrat leader, "of general princi-ple." Frankly Mr Ashdown is safest when he sticks to these. Heaven protect him from the hour when he is obliged to put a complex question of practi-

cal application. I cannot remember his question yesterday. Like those small darts with which they stun wild animals before capturing them, the little pro-logues that herald Mr Ashdown's questions somehow anaesthetise the listener before the main thrust.

The session was without interest. One day down, 999 to go. Cripes.



Speaker allows inquiry into sleaze allegations

the memo, suggested to Sir THE Speaker yesterday paved the way for an inquiry into allegations that a government minister tried to influence an independent Commons investions affair. MPs are expected to support

a Commons motion today to enable an inquiry into the conduct of David Willetts, the Paymaster General, and a close ally of the Prime Minister. The newly formed Select Committee on Standards and Privileges will examine a memo written by Mr Willetts. when a junior Whip, about a conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the now defunct Select Committee on Members' interests, which was investigating the stay at the Ritz in Paris by Neil Hamilton, the former Trade

Geoffrey "exploiting the good Tory majority" on the committee to ensure the issue was dealt with as quickly as possible, or deferring an investigation because of Mr Hamilton's pending libel trial against The Guardian, which collapsed two weeks ago. Mr Willetts said last night: "I will help the committee in any way

Betty Boothroyd, announcing her decision, said that she had received a complaint from Andrew Miller (Labour, Ellesmere Port and Neston) that improper pressure" was brought to bear on the Select Committee on Members' Interests in 1994. She said: "I'm satisfied that the matter should have the precedence accorded to matters of privilege. He is thus entitled to

ation by the House." The motion will suggest that there is a prima facie case for Mr Willetts to answer. dards and Privileges was

meeting last night to endorse

pleas from Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner on Standards and Privileges, for extra resources and staff to enable him to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry. Sir Gordon will be given power to cross-examine witnesses under oath and he will have independent counsel, rather than government lawyers, to advise him on legal issues. In a statement last night, Tony Newton, the committee chairman, said that Sir Gordon would also have power to call for witnesses and

confidential papers. quires further clarification on

public, with witnesses entitled to be legally represented. It raises the prospect of Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, and Ian Greer, the lobbyist, being ordered to appear before the committee, whose proceedings might be televised.

Sir Geoffrey, who is a member of the new Commons from the deliberations on Mr Willetts's memo. The committee has a Conservative

Paddy Ashdown, the Lib-eral Democrat leader, speaking on Channel 4 News last night, said: "It is vital that it is dealt with in a way which clears up the mess no matter how deep it goes."

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David Willetts: memo suggested using Tory majority

Verdict on MPs' conduct will take up to four months

and Privileges agreed last night the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Hamilton affair.

The provisional timetable is: ☐ Today: The committee will publish a report recommending greater resources for Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. More staff, legal assistance and possibly an extension of his four-day week are among the mea-sures being planned. The Commons is also expected to ask the committee to investigate allegations that David Willetts tried to influence a select committee inquiry into the allega-tions against Neil Hamilton.

☐ This month: Sir Gordon will submit to the committee his timetable for an investigation into the allegations, which are expected to involve about 30 MPs. Most are those 24 whose constituencies accepted payments towards election expenses from Ian Greer's firm.

However, Sir Gordon has also been asked to conduct a more complex inquiry into individual MPs, including Mr Hamilton and Tim Smith, a former. Northern Ireland minister who resigned after admitting receiving payments to ask

questions. He must also investigate the allegations about Mohamed Al Fayed, Mr Greer and their links with

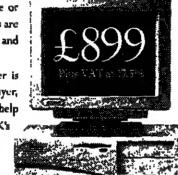
☐ Early November: The Committee will open its inquiry into Mr Willetts, calling the former whip to give evidence, probably in private. ☐ December: The earliest that MPs expect to have any report from Sir Gordon. The MPs hope that the inquiry into Mr Willetts will have been completed.

☐ January: Likely delivery of Sir Gordon's full report, which will include his decision on whether Commons rules have been breached. ☐ February: Expected completion of the whole inquiry, with recommended sanctions against any MPs in breach of Commons rules, followed by a debate in the House.

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Howard's parole plan a mistake

By RICHARD FORD

A PLAN to abolish parole for long-term prisoners would increase the risk to the public from dangerous criminals, according to the Parole Board.

The board accused Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, of making a "grave mistake" in planning to change the release system for the most persistent and dangerous criminals in England and Wales. In its annual report it said he would fail in his aim to provide greater protection to

the public It said that dismantling the system that makes detailed risk assessment on long-term prisoners would "increase the risk of re-offending and fur-ther prejudice the safety of the

Mr Howard plans to scrap discretionary parole for in-mates serving four years of more, as well as introducing minimum jail terms for thirdtime drug dealers and house burglars. Parole will be abolished and be replaced by a system under which inmates will be released early on the basis of days carned for good

Major hints at reform to rape law

By ALICE THOMSON

THE Prime Minister yester day said that the Government was considering action to reform court proceedings after several high-profile cases involving rape victims.

John Major said be felt sympathy for women who underwent lengthy cross examinations in rape trials. In Prime Minister's Questions he said he found the case of the woman cross examined by the accused rapist particularly worrying. The woman while he was dressed in the clothes he wore when he attacked her.

Mr Major said he was also concerned about the case where a woman was crossexamined for twelve days by lawyers acting for six defendents. Tory backbenchers have been waging a campaign for tougher laws on rapists and new regulations preventing rape victims from being too traumatised in court. They are concerned that victims will not come forward if they believe they are going to be further ha-rassed by defence lawyers.

chocolate, wheat-based products and citrus fruit, including juices. One in twenty schoolchildren in Europe suffered from the problem, he told the inaugural meeting of the Allergy Research Foundation. Callaghan call over education

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff said last night that any future government would have to spend "billions" to improve education standards. However, the former Labour Prime Minister, speaking at the University of London's Institute of Education, said Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, was right not to give any spending commitments before he "sees the books".

Pupil dies in fall from window

Children were sent home from school after a 13-year-old boy plunged to his death from a third-floor window. Craig McLennan, a second-year pupil, died from head injuries after the fall during an art class at Currie High School, Edinburgh. The head teacher described his death as "a tragic accident". Police are investigating.

Six in contest for pedestrian bridge

Six groups of architects, artists and engineers have been shortlisted to build an £8 million pedestrian bridge linking St Paul's Cathedral with the new Tate Gallery of Modern Art on London's South Bank. The scheme is being promoted by the City Corporation. Southwark council and the Financial Times. The winner is to be announced in December.

Howard to tackle legal delays

Ways to expedite the progress of cases awaiting trial will be examined in a joint review involving the Home Office, the Lord Chancellor's Department, the Attorney-General and the Crown Prosecution Service, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. The review will look first at the magistrates' courts.

Bill to close loan fraud loophole

Proposals from the Law Commission for new laws to close a loophole hampering efforts to prosecute mortgage fraud are likely to be adopted as a Private Member's Bill in the next parliamentary session. In July the law lords ruled that when money is passed between bank accounts there is no identifiable property involved, making prosecution harder.

Vegetarian advert banned

An advertisement featuring a view of a bull's testicles and describing meat as "disgusting" has been banned by the Advertising Standards Authority after complaints from the National Farmers' Union and the Meat and Livestock Commission. It had been part of an anti-meat campaign by the Vegetarian Society.

Move to control alco-pop sales

Sainsbury's has come up with a technique intended to alert its staff to attempts by under-age drinkers to buy alco-pops. Normally an electronic eye scans the product bar code as it goes through the checkout but the computer has been changed to reject the code. Staff have been told to check the customer then and call a senior manager if necessary.

Law Society issues wills warning

Two-thirds of adults have not organised a proper will. creating a potential legacy of confusion, wrangling and court action for the surviving partner, the Law Society said yesterday. If an unmarried person dies intestate, his partner may have to go to court to secure a share of the estate, since automatically go to the surviving partner

Postgraduates deterred by debts

Thousands of students are abandoning plans for postgrad-uate study because they need to take the first job they can find after their degree to pay off debts, the Institute of Employment Research at Warwick University said. It said that a third of students in their final year last summer wanted to continue studying but one fifth could not afford to.

Four years for teenage robbers Two young armed robbers raised in the Surrey stockbroker belt have been detained for four years after a bungled raid on a superstore using a 17th-century shotgun and and a replica gun. William Gradidge. 18. and Paul Marriage. also 18. pleaded guilty. Gradidge had recently been on a skiing holiday and had more than £400 in savings.

Tower of London's new site

Alan Percy, from Sidcup, Kent, is using an Internet website named Tower of London Co to sell chunks of rubble from the Tower of London at £4 each. He removed four tonnes of it legitimately during restoration work in 1984. The Historic Royal Palaces Agency is investigating Mr Percy's use of the

Ancient 'sky burials' site found

Archaeologists have found a platform for "sky burials" in Derbyshire, where prehistoric man laid out his dead to be picked clean by animals. Hundreds of human teeth and bones have been found at the site, near Longstone Rake in the Peak District. It is thought to date from the Middle Neolithic period, about 5,000 years ago. Only one other "excarnation" site is known in England. The custom of laying out the dead for birds to clean is still practised by Parsees in India.

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ITV fights lure of the Queen Vic with a feel-good tale of Tyneside yuppies

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Geordies take on East End in battle of the soap operas

TYNESIDE is to be the latest banleground in the ratings war among television soap operas. A new programme, already dubbed North-EastEnders, is being launched by ITV to tackle East-Enders, the BBC's flagship series.

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Quayside intends to be different to its rivals, which are mostly set in the nondescript backstreets of the inner city Although its makers deny it is a yuppie scap, as characters are distinctly upwardly mobile and the show is aimed at the 20- to 30-something age group.

The location is the Quayside quarter of Newcastle upon Tyne, until recently a semi-derelict industrial mess sprawling along the river under the city's famous "costhanger" bridge

Much like the Docklands of east London, millions of pounds have been spent rejuvenating the site and it is now a hive of smart restaurants, cosmopolitan bars and stylish homes. It also has a burgeoning commercial heart, mainly involved in professional and high-tech businesses.

Instead of the Queen Vic. the EastEnders cockney pub, there is Mal's Bar, where drinkers are as likely to ask for a Bloody Mary as a Brown Ale. And the characters are more likely to be networking on the mobile than gossiping in the laundrette.

Quavside starts on January 7 in the Tyne-Tees region, broadcasting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time as EastEnders, which last week toppled Coronation Street as the nation's frourite soap. After a four-month trial ITV

co-production by Tyne-Tees, recertly renamed Channel 3 North-East, and the independent programme maker Zenith North, responsible for several Geordiebased successes including the children's wap Byker Grove and adaptations of Catherine

Cookson's novels.

Matthew Rubinson, its producer and director, said it would not tackle controversial issues such as the Brookside intest storyline or Mark Fowler's battle with HIV in EastEnders. Mr Robinson, who has already worked on more than 500 episodes of Coronation Street. EastEnders and Emmerdule, said: Quayside will be a feel-good soup. No issue, no doom, no gloom, you can get that on every other channel. We will be reflecting how vibrant an area the Quayside is. It will be an accurate reflection of what life in Newcastle and the Quayside is like

"It will be about relationships and fun. The characters will be attractive, dare I say sexy. We want the viewers to climb through their TV screens and join in the fun."

One of the early storylines will focus on a love triangle involving the bar's owner, Malcolm Shepherd, a former soccer star, his fiancie, Nicole Sexton, an aspiring 19-year-old model, and Caitlin Kennedy, who sets up a special events firm next door.

Nicole soon ends up in the arms of the bar doorman. Carl Bugle, played by Glenn McCrory, a former world cruiserweight boxing champion turned actor and Sky TV commentator. He was recently hopes to launch it nationally. It is a offered a 16-month contract with

the Royal Shakespeare Company and once auditioned for the part of James Bond in GoldenEye, which eventually went to Pierce Brosnan.

Nicole's part of a hubbly party-Newcastle's trendiest nightspots is played by Emma-Luuise Webb. She said: "Nicole is a model who is a bit scatter-brained and naive, the sort of girl who gets excited by the easiest thing and wants to be in the

big time.
"I know Curonation Street and EastEnders are the big snaps but I think Quayside will be a big hit with viewers." Mr Robinson said: The love triangle between Nicole, Mal and Cairlin will be the strongest storyline running through the show, but there will be lots of other twists and turns to keep everyone guessing.
"We will be going out head to

head against EastEnders. That is a challenge, but one we relish. We don't have the budget the bigger soaps have, but I think there is room for a different type of soap and Quayside lits the bill.

"It's a very young cast and they all come from the North. The first episode will contain a real twist but it's important we make the second episode a cracker so the audience keep coming back. Mal Shepherd, played by Joe

Callrey, is a good-looking former Newcastle United footballer who set up his bar after injury ended his playing career. Dean Atkinson plays Luke Shepherd. Mal's younger brother who wants to be a



Glenn McCrory as doorman Carl Bugle and Emma Louise-Webb as Nicole in Quayside

Couple's office tiff 'ended in 65mph chase'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COMPANY director chased his wife's car down a busy road and rammed her into a ditch after an argument at the office, a court was told yesterday.

Foster chased his wife Yvonne's Citroën AX bumper to bumper for four miles before hitting her car sideways with the bullbars of his Izuzu Trooper, it was alleged at Teesside Crown Court.

The impact was said to have lifted the Citroen's wheels off the ground, forcing it to veer past the

offside verge of the Al71 coastal road road near Whitby, North

Simon Hickey, for the prosecu-, again.

They filled my rear-view mirtion, told the court that Mr Foster, 43, from Staintondale, near Scarborough, helped to rescue his wife she refused to speak to him, he sped off to Whitby, where he was arrested by police.

John Philliban, 29, an officer in the RAF, said that he had thought the couple were playing a game of chase when he saw Mrs Foster, looking "quite agitated", overtake his Peugeot on the road, followed shortly by the Trooper, which had

its lights blazing. Mr Philliban overtook the cars to get out of the way but they soon gained on him

ror," Mr Philliban told the jury. "I saw the Isuzu literally siam into the causing it to swerve. She was trying to keep straight. It was pushing on the side of the Citroen. The Citroen just slewed across the Isuzu on two wheels. Then, as all the wheels hit the road, it shot off, hit the kerb and somersaulted, ending upside down

"I did a U-turn and when I reached it there was smoke coming

driver was trapped inside, very He and other motorists, includ-

ing Mr Foster, pushed the car back onto its four wheels, the court was told. Mr Foster then attempted calling out "Yvonne", Mr Philliban "She became even more hysterial

saying, 'Keep him away from me. He tried to drive me off the road." He was screaming, 'I just want to sort this out. Will you not talk to

Mrs Foster climbed into the back seat of another woman's car after

from the vehicle and the woman her husband drove away. Then he returned and got into the passen-ger seat of the Citroen, Mr Philliban said. "I asked him to come out of the vehicle, which he did unwillingly, saying, 'She's going to tell the police everything

> Mr Hickey told the jury that when interviewed by police after the incident on December 4 last year, Mr Foster said he had followed his wife after she sped away from their offices because he was worried she would have an accident. He denies one charge of dangerous driving.

The case continues

Firm beats Spanish imposition

By ROBIN Young

turers yesterday defeated Spanish rivals trying to force them to change the name of their product. Julian Temperley, of the Somer set Cider Brandy Company, had feared his firm would be forced out of business after investing more than £500,000 in marketing Royal

sold by the royal vintners Justerini & Brooks, and by Harrods and Fortnum & Mason. Spanish brandy makers complained to the European Union that the term brandy should be used only for spirits distilled from

Somerset Cider Brandy, which is

grapes, and their case was supported by the Scotch Whisky

Mr Temperley, however, was ble to prove that the term "cider brandy", coined by Bertram Bulmer in the 1970s for King Offa Cider Brandy and sold through the Bulmer Cider Museum in Hereford, derived from an historic tradition of apple brandy manufacture in Britain. The claim was backed by a book dating from 1678, describing the process.

Mr Temperley, 51, said yesterday: This has secured our future into the next century."

Drink is cure for dole queue blues

BY DOMINIC KENNEDS

THE more an unemployed man drinks the better are his chances of finding a job. according to a new report.

Researchers working on behalf of the Employment Service were surprised to discover a link between alcohol consumption and escaping the dole queue. They believe that men who spend more time in the pub are meeting people who can help them to find work. People who drink could also be more outward-going and sociable than those who stay sober.

We are not saying that winos are every employer's dream," said Joan Payne, a senior research fellow who combed through the records of nearly 15,000 people. "Probably what is happening is that a lot of jobs are got informally through asking friends and getting into networks. The pub is a very big centre of these

The figures suggest that employment prospects improve with every drink. A sensible drinker, who has between sev-en and 21 units per week, increases his chances of finding a job by 21 per cent over a man who drinks little or noth ing. The hard drinker, who exceeds the Government's "sensible drinking" limit of 21 units per week, is even better off. He has a 30 per cent increased prospect of employ ment over the teetotaller or low drinker. One unit of alcohol is a glass of wine or spirits or half a pint of beer. The Policy Studies Institute, an independent research body

that prepared the report for the Government, was last night the toast of some of the nation's ers. The broadcaster Terry Wogan said: "There is a longstanding tradition in radio and television of having a lot of time on your hands and hanging round between recordings.

drinking done.
In the BBC club, where used to meet and greet one another, many a programme commission changed hands over a foaming beaker.

So there is a lot of steady

"It never happened to me personally — at least I am certainly not going to admit it now — but in our business it has probably happened that one drinker has said to another: 'Here's a 13-week contract.' Why not?"

The publisher Leo Cooper

admits to the "odd tip-off" about a career move from a drinking contact but would not recommend anyone to try to drink their way into a job. "I suppose it could be down to false confidence. The question is how long do you last when you have got the job? People may drink to go to an interview to boost themselves but if they have to do that then they will

get rumbled soon There are an enormous number of drunks in my business and they are all the more cheerful people that I know. Not many of them are in full-time employment."

Missing £1.50 calculator puts policeman in dock January last year. A month later the calculator disappeared from a leather



PC Whitfield outside court with his wife, Carrie

By Paul WILKINSON

A POLICEMAN went on trial yesterday accused of stealing a calculator worth £1.50 after he was allegedly caught by a surveillance camera in his own police station.

Colleagues of PC Andrew Whitfield installed the hidden camera in an office when they became irritated by a series of petty thefts. It recorded the 30-year-old married officer pocketing the

PC Whitfield, who has been suspended on full pay from his £20,000-ayear job since February last year, denies theft, claiming he only bor-

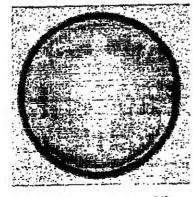
rowed it to do the police football club accounts and forgot to bring it back. James Goss, for the prosecution, told Leeds Crown Court: "Considered

objectively, a case of theft of such a small pocket calculator of such a low value is a minor offence . . . However any allegation of any crime must be considered serious and this case is no exception." PC Whitfield's job was in jeopardy if he was found guilty. PC Whitfield, of Wakefield, was

serving at the time with the West Yorkshire force at Dewsbury. Mr Goss said that items had gone missing from the report-writing room and surveillance equipment was set up in

wallet in the room. When the video was studied PC Whitfield was shown to be the culprit. Yet when he and other officers on his shift were asked about its disappearance at a briefing. he said nothing. He was arrested on February 15 and a search of his home found the calculator. He admitted borrowing it

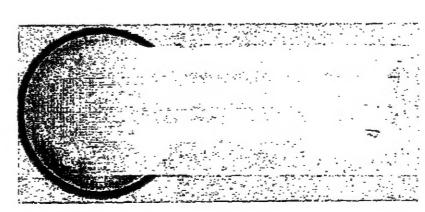
to do the football accounts. "Yet when checked there was one simple arithmetical error that if a calculator had been used would not have been made," Mr Goss said. The trial



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Breakthrough in Stormont talks overshadowed by acrimony over loyalist plan for Bogside parade

Violence feared as **Apprentice Boys** announce march

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

FEARS rose yesterday of a renewed outbreak of violent Ireland this weekend after loyalists announced their intention to march along a contentious section of London-

The decision by the Apprentice Boys cast a shadow over the multiparty talks at Stor-mont where Unionists and nationalists finally reached agreement on an agenda early yesterday morning. The agenda, tabled jointly by the Ulster Unionists and the Social Democratic and Labour Party. downgraded discussions on the disarming of terrorists. This allowed the nine parties at the talks to outline their positions on wider issues yesterday before turning their attention to disarmament. The Democratic Unionists and the United Kingdom Unionists made clear their

anger with the new agenda. As ministers greeted the agreement, nationalists and Unionists in Londonderry clashed over the decision of the Apprentice Boys to march around the city's walls this Saturday, including a stretch overlooking the nationalist Bogside area. The loyalists, who were banned by the RUC from marching along the quarter-mile section in August, also told the police that they intended to parade along the walls on every Saturday until Christmas.

Donncha MacNiallais, the spokesman for the nationalist Bogside Residents' Group, said: "I am not saying that the march won't pass off peacefully. But I am saying that in many ways people will regard this as a confrontational matter because the Apprentice Boys refused to discuss the matter with us."

William Hay, an Apprentice Boy and Democratic Unionist councillor in Londonderry, said there was little point in talking to the residents' group because they had refused to agree to a compromise over the loyalist march in August. He said: "The Apprentice Boys are exercising their civil and religious liberties to parade the historic walls of Londonderry. Surely an organisation that has shown responsibility should be allowed to celebrate their culture and their tradition in the way they have done

for 300 years. The tensions between the two sides yesterday served as a grim reminder of this sum-

bances between nationalists and Unionists during the loyalist marching season. Violence between the Apprentice Boys and the nationalists of the Bogside was averted in August only after Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, ordered that the contentious section of the walls be sealed three days

before the march. His decision infuriated loyalists who have now carried out their threat to march along Siege of Londonderry in 1689. If the march is allowed to go ahead, 200 marchers, from the various clubs of the Apprentice Boys, will take to the walls on Saturday morning.

The gloom of last week,

after the IRA's bomb attack on the Army's Northern Ireland headquarters in Lisburn, Co Antrim, had lifted over the weekend when loyalist terrorists made clear that they would maintain their ceasefire for the moment. But the upbeat mood, which was improved by the agreement at Stormont, has been seriously undermined by the spectre of renewed clashes in Londonderry after the loyalists' decision, which many nationalists



The Apprentice Boys in Londonderry on Saturday. Their decision to march around the city's walls has cast a shadow over multiparty talks

Signs of hope visible on long road to peace

INCH by painful inch, a genuine peace process appears to be advancing. The language of "breakthrough" that accompanied the announcement of agreement between the SDLP and the Ulster Unionists overstates what has been achieved.

No settlement is yet in sight in Ulster. But the accord reached by Seamus Mallon and David Trimble goes beyond the clearing of a proce-dural obstacle. The agreement be-tween Ulster's moderate Unionists and nationalists not to allow discussion over the decommissioning of weapons to impede talks may seem another concession to the IRA.

But the agreement seems less a surrender to republicanism than an outflanking. The last week has been a bad one for the IRA. Although in its Agreement between the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP on an agenda for talks is less a surrender to the IRA than an attempt to outflank it, Michael Gove writes

military audacity the Lisburn bomb seemed an impressive coup, politically it has undermined the republicans. It provoked a strong personal attack on Gerry Adams from John Major and also led the Irish Prime Minister to denounce the IRA as "fascist". It unsettled loyalist paramilitaries but they have, so far, not risen to the bait by ending their ceasefire.

The respect across communities for the loyalists discipline has been matched with disillusionment among "middle Ireland" that the IRA should

have started bombing in Ulster again. Moderate Irish opinion was of disgust and concern. IRA bombs in Ulster could soon trigger loyalist bombs in the Republic. The operational weak-ness of the Provisionals and their waning influence has made military defeat of the IRA a possibility, in the minds of some strategists, for the first time since the Seventies.

More important is their political marginalisation. David Trimble's willingness to compromise springs

Irish nationalists. Neither Dublin nor the SDLP seem prepared, as in the past, to allow progress to be impeded by a desire to court the IRA.

Although John Hume, the SDLP ader, hankers after another ceasefire on almost any terms, the momentum is now with Seamus Mallon, his deputy, who has expressed privately his commitment to finding common ground with Unionists.

Dublin has joined London in insisting any new IRA ceasefire is "dependand John Bruton last week was at pains to assuage Unionist concerns, rejecting the notion that Irish nationlists were a "hostile monolith".

There are still a great many difficult issues to resolve but if those committed to democracy concentrate on working together, then there is hope.

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Fathers seek more time off at births

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE tiredness and loneliness felt by many new fathers are paternity leave in Britain, according to a survey pub-

lished last night.
Of 420 men questioned by the Royal College of Midwives and the National Childbirth Trust, 93 per cent complained of tiredness after sleepless nights and 60 per cent of loneliness. Such feelings, the survey says, were compounded by the lack of paternity leave, which prevented them from being involved in caring for their baby.

The survey found that 47 per cent of men were not offered any paid paternity leave and 79 per cent were refused unpaid leave. Twenty three per cent were given up to three days' leave, 14 per cent received four or five days with 4 per cent getting a week or more.

The survey concludes: "Today's new fathers want to be more involved with the care of their new baby and in order to do this paid paternity care needs to be widely introduced. Tiredness, loneliness and worry are dominant feelings in new fathers with very little recognition or support."

Mary Newburn, head of policy at the NCT, said yesterday: "Fifty per cent of parents are fathers but we conveniently forget that they exist and have needs and feelings too." The Confederation of British industry has so far resisted

calls for paternity leave to be a statutory right. A spokesman said: "Our view is that it is an individually."

Schools boycott * 'incompetent' supply teachers

By David Charter, Education correspondent

QUARTER of secondary schools boycott teacher supply agencies because they have sent stand-ins who are incompetent or even drunk, a survey disclosed yesterday.

Teachers sacked or rejected by one agency were readily taken on by others because the law did not require them to make police checks or take references. said Margaret Hodge, the Labour MP who carried out the research.

Her call for greater regulation was backed yesterday by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which said children were being put at risk. The Government has decided not to back Mrs Hodge's Bill to license and inspect teacher agencies. Instead it brought in guidelines earlier this year recommending that thorough checks were made on supply staff.

Ty Goddard, the NSPCC's parliamentary officer, said: This is a child protection emphasise those who seek to harm children are very well organised in this country and we must do everything to put

in place proper checks."

Mrs Hodge's survey of Greater London secondary schools showed one in 15 lessons a week were taken by supply teachers. One in three head teachers said they had had problems with supply teachers. Some were unable to maintain discipline, while oth-

ers simply "baby-sat" classes. Many supply teachers were from overseas and lacked knowledge and experience of the national curriculum or GCSEs. Four inner-city said that white teachers from

South Africa had a racist In one instance a head teacher who greeted the supply teacher as he began his lesson realised that he was drunk and ordered him off the

> supply agency of his own in The heads believed teachers fired from other schools could use agencies as a back door to

listed by the Department For

Education and Employment

had turned up running a

return to teaching. TimePlan, the first and largest specialised teacher supply agency which places 700 teachers in schools every day. backed Mrs Hodge's call for tighter regulations and a bonding scheme similar to that used by approved travel agents. This would protect teachers pay if an agency went out of business.

Tish Seaborne, managing director of TimePlan, said: "It was not long after we started that we found some of our rejects turning up in classrooms. If things go wrong, all teacher supply agencies are going to be tarred with the same brush unless we bring in regulations."

☐ A teacher has been savagely beaten by two drunk teenagers. Mike Parsley. 30, was left with a broken thumb. a possible broken nose, damage to his eye and severe bruising after the lunchtime assault by two ex-pupils at Highbury Islington, north London.

Family reaps gold reward for lifetimes of adventure

By ALAN HAMILTON

FOUR brothers and sisters set an adventure record yesterday when they were pre-sented with Duke of sented with Duke of Edinburgh gold awards on

the same day. Jason. Scott. Tracie and Sharon McCarthy, of Shep-perton, west London, em-barked on their unique quest together four years ago, when they undertook a week's expedition to the Black Mountains in Wales. They reaped their reward at a ccremony at St James's Palace attended by the Duke, who launched his challenge scheme for young people 40 years ago. Since then more than 2.5 million teenagers and young adults have entered the scheme and nearly 125,000 have achieved gold

have had four cousins up for awards at one time, but never before four siblings. This is a first." The four were presented with their medals by Neil Fox a disc jockey with Capi-

tal Radio. Jason. 27, earned his gold by travelling in South-East Asia with the Operation Ra-leigh scheme and by winning a silver medal while compet-ing for the British ju-jitsu team at the world champion-ships in Argentina Tracia 25 ships in Argentina. Tracie. 25. backpacked through the Mekong delta in Vietnam, learn-ing about village life, then learnt scuba diving in Australia.

Sharon. 24. spent 18 months travelling through Asia and Australia, ending up on an expedition with venture Scouts in Switzer-A spokesman for the award land. Scott. 22. has just rescheme said yesterday: "We turned home after a winter in

Austria and a summer on the Greek island of Kos.

The four had the full support of their parents. Their mother. Ann. 54. has joined her children in the past on backpacking trips in Thai-land and Central America. They have all worked so hard and they have all done it independently." Mrs McCarthy said yesterday. They had no sponsorship or help from school. We have tried to help them out financially, but they have had to meet the cost themselves. I am so pleased that all four have been able to do it while they are still

young." Sheila Smith, of the award scheme, said: They are a quite remarkable family and thoroughly deserve their achievement."

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by food watchdog FRUIT-FLAVOURED builled spring water contains a mix of potentially dangerous chemicals and is often landed with sugar, the Food Commission claims today. It says that some are produced with low-cost additives and that manufacturers exploit an unjustified image of purity to pash prices as high as £2.80 a fitre. Research into 24 brands published in Food Magazine

> servatives, colourings, artificial sweeteners and other additives. The commission says this makes a mockery of claims of purity on Jainels. lan Tokelove, its spokesman, said: "People with asthma are drinking some of these products and wondering why they are short of breath. The labels describe the drinks as spring water with a him of flavouring, but this is not

shows that many of the most

popular brands contain pre-

of artificial chemicals." Unlike mineral water, spring water has no legal definition and is usually obtained from hore holes into

making clear that they are full

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORLESPONDENT addition of flavourings means it technically becomes a soft drink, making it legal to use chemicals including artificial

Warning over fruit

drink additives

sweeteners such as aspartame, which casts just tilip to flavour two littes of liquid, against 12p for sugar. Where real sugar is used,

the amounts are high. Sainsbury's tangerine flavoured Crystal Spa was found to contain more than a Coca-Cola and a 250ml carton of Ribena Spring had the equivalent of seven lumps. The British Dental Association said spring water drinks containing sugar increased the risk of tooth decay.

More serious, according to the magazine, is the use of the prevervative vidium benzoate in half the products tested, which some research suggests may caus; breathlessness and trigger hyperactivity, even though it has been approved by the European Union.

Christine Milburn, of the British Soft Drinks Association, said members were bound by regulations which ensured the purity of the source. "We add nothing

which has not been rested and approved by all 15 member states of the EU."

An EU directive passed last July means that manufacturers have to list all additives on the label, but it will be next summer before this comes fully into force. Smithkline Beecham, manufacturer of Ribena, said: "We use real sugar rather than artificial sweetners because that is more wholesome."

Marks & Spencer adds aspartame and sodium benzoate. These are both on the approved list of additives," a spokesman said. Sainsbury's said all the products tested by signed to be refreshing", Company policy was to provide as much information as possible to customers. The company was now reviewing soft drinks labels and would add "with sweetener" to them where applicable.

Tesco denied that its labelling was misleading. Its water was from a 100 per cent natural source flavoured with



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The Princess with Danielle Stephenson yesterday. The seven-

Princess praises 'miracles' of heart surgeons

BY EMMA WILKINS

DIANA Princes of Wales praised the "miracles" per-formed by heart specialists and the conrage of their patients vesterday,

The Princess was helping to raise money for research into heart and lung disease with the help of Danielle Stephenson, from Southend, Essex. The girl is among dozens of heart patients the Princess has visited regularly at the Royal Brompton Hospital in west London. At a reception in aid of the

Heart of Britain charity, the Princess said she was fascinated by the workings of the beart". In the foreword to a book of photographs aimed at raising money for the charity, the Princess wrote: "I have been privileged to see for myself the miracles - at the very leading edge of medicine today - performed by the teams of surgeons. doctors and nurses at Royal Brompton Hospital whose dedication saves so many

"I have been profoundly impressed, too, to see how bravely patients cope - and have been particularly touched by the courage and trust shown by Britain's little people — our children. All need our compassion, our love and our support at what is often their darkest bour."

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, the joint president of Heart of Britain who invited the Princess to attend an operation at Harefield Hospital in April, praised her "inspirational" care and compassion at the reception at Harrods, which was hosted by the store's chairman. Mohamed Al Fayed. The charity book contains 300 photographs showing scenes of modern life, submitted to a competition by amateur photographers. It costs £19.99, with all profits going to the

Danielle became one of the first children in Britain to undergo new treatment in May this year to burn away abnormal electrical pathways inside her heart that were causing an irregular



Yates: went to police

Yates gets bail in drug case

Paula Yates, the television presenter, has been released on police bail until December while investigations continue into the alleged discovery of opium at her home. Miss Yates, 30, former wife of Bob Geldof, was arrested when she went to Chelsea police station She is said to have maintained that any drugs found at the home she shares with the rock singer Michael Hutchence must have been planted.

Aids man named

A hospital anaestherist who died of an Aids-related virus, prompting hundreds of inquiries from worried patients, has been named as Gopinathan Manohar. Mr Manohar, married with a three-year-old son. was a registrar anaesthetist at the Royal Albert Edward Hos-

'Eco' evictions

Bailiffs evicted more than 50 protesters who had barricaded themselves into a self-styled eco-village set up on a 13-acre site beside the Thames in Wandsworth, southwest London, on derelict land owned by Guinness. One protester was

CORRECTION

A report, *Call for curb on stage hypnotists" (September 23), failed to make clear that Philip Green was not the hypnotist in the stage act in which Sharon Tabarn was involved, and was not connected in any way with her subsequent death. We' apologise to Mr Green and his

Water companies say six new reservoirs are needed

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SIX new reservoirs will be needed in cast and southe st England to ensure water supplies into the next century as demand rises because of global warming and an increase in single households, water companies in England and Wales

said yesterday. Their warning was issued in advance of a government report on water resources into the 21st century, due today. The report will outline the threat to rivers, wetlands and other nature sites if too much

is taken for supplies.... The Department of the Environment says that demand

Yorkshire Water, criticised for its handling of last summer's drought, is to lift all restrictions on water use next month.

popularity of gardening and a projected growth in new households to more than four million, as well as rising temperatures and more frequent droughts.

global warming.

Professor Paul Harrington of Loughborough University, who compiled the report, pre-dicted that domestic consumption for appliances and gardening would rise by 36 per cent by 2021, and 41 per cent if there is significant

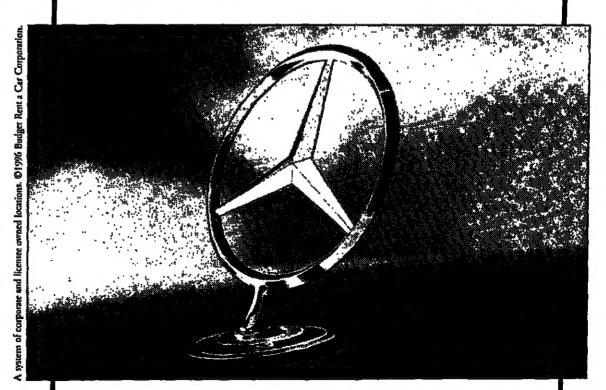
ing director of Severn Trent and spokesman for the Water Services Association, which represents nine of the ten big companies, said domestic consumers would not accept more rationing so action had to be taken now for the future.

He said that there "was a requirement for at least six new reservoirs to ensure an adequate margin of safety. They will be destined for the East and South East." Two have already been proposed in Oxfordshire and Kent.

The Environment Agency has urged the companies to tackle leaks and demand management before it will consider backing development of new, and potentially environmendamaging, resources



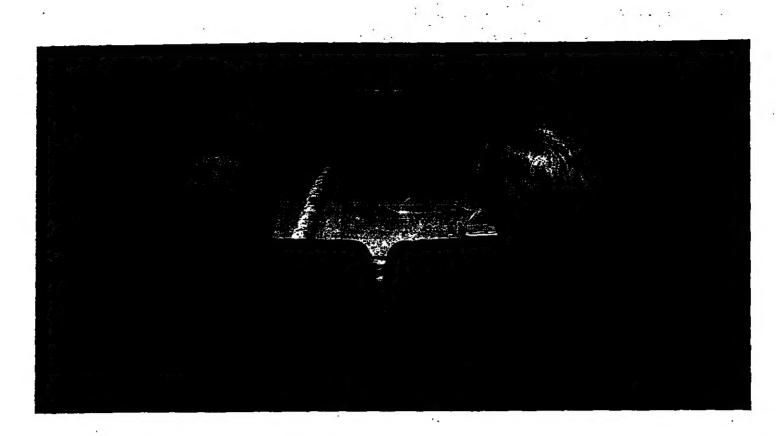
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Land Rover in drive to double output with sporty mini

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

IAND ROVER is to spend more than £350 million developing a mint four-wheel-drive vehicle almed at women and young drivers, the amppuny aunounced vestersby

The sporty vehicle, which will be in production within two years, will sell for under £15.000 and help to double Land Rover production to more than 200,000 a very. Dr Walter Hasselkus, chairman of Rover Group, soul yester-41 day that the expansion would mean 10,000 jobs for component makers supplying Land Rover's plant in Solihall, West Midlands, Another L004 jubs have been created for construction workers building the new assembly lines, estimated to cost \$350 million

Vaushall is spending £3(8) million to expand and modernise its plant at Ellesmere Port Merseyside The plant, which produces Astramodels, 40 per cent of them for export, will have maximum output increased from (20.000) to look (NA) annually. The growth creates 200 new jubs.

News of the investment boosted the motor industry, which is celebrating 100 years of cur-making at the British International Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham. The show opens to the public on

The mini 4WD takes Land Rover into new territory.

after complaints

By CAROL MIDGLEY

A FORD advertisment has been withdrawn after com-

plaints from mental health charities that it trivialised

schizophrenia. The radio

commercial for the Ford

Courier van featured the

comedian Alexei Savic as a

customer who was "in two

minds" about whether to buy

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A Ford spokesman said: "We

withdrew the advert as soon

as we received complaints

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ing agency went a little bit too

In February, Ford apolo-

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Complaints from

previews began yesterday, the camera's smallest manufacturers were talking of expanson plans. The Blackpool spans car maker TVR has doubted as workforce in more than 540 to cope with demand, while Marcos plans to double production of its powerful

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Rover and the vehicle will be

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The line-up of new cars at

the show is one of the most

glamurcus for years. Jaguar's

£50,000 XK8 sports car heads

the attractions. Lotus, TVR,

Mercedes and Porsche are all

showing new models. Ford

disclosed the price of the Ka.

its quirky city car that goes on sale this month at 17,300 to

sports models to 200 a year. Ernie Thompson, chief execmove of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said. "After a century of carmaking in Britain, there is a buzz and confidence in our factories and design houses rence again."

The most significant announcement came from Rover, which is sweeping away doubts over its future since the takerver by BMW three years ago. There were fears that BMW would cut jobs and investment, using Rover as an offshoot to supplement production in Germany But Dr Hasselkus said BMW was investing £500 million a

year in Rover. Land Rover made 68,000 vehicles in its first year under BAIW ownership in 1993 but is scheduled to treble that number by the end of the decade. Most growth will come from the introduction of the new vehicle, which will take Land Rover into new territory, appealing to buyers who traditionally bought Japanese



A prototype of the "greener" black cab, which can run on unleaded petrol and compressed natural gas

Green cab cuts down on city pollution

running on petrol and gas instead of diesel, was launched yesterday.

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Thousands of jobs announced as Britain begins to celebrate 100 years of car-making

Drivers of Asquith Motor Carriage's new version will flick a dashboard witch to change from unleaded petrol to compressed natural gas, radically cutting exhaust pollution. The company

electric model by 2003. The system is being developed by Zeus Energies, which is looking for £600,000 backing to

speed development. The Asquith taxi has six sears and a suspension which lowers the floor to pavement level, improving access for bars containing airbags swing down in front of passengers.

Yesterday Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, unveiled a project to use electric cars and vans in Coventry see if they could solve pullution



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Never mind quantity, look for quality

refusal to accept patients aged 75 referred by their doctors illustrates the problems facing the National Health Service

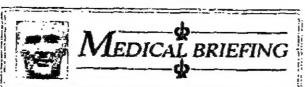
At Prime Minister's Questions yesterday John Major. replying to the Labour leader Tony Blair, fold MPs that the "acid test" of whether the health service was working well ten the number of patients treated, and went on in discuss the length of time spent on waiting lists. But this is only part of the story, and shows a luck of understanding of what people expect from the National Health

What matters is not the total number of patients treated but the number treated efficiently, and that patients and

has been available.

At the time of China's Cultural Revolution, Man Tse-tung instituted the barefunt doctors" system. The regime planued to save money by using technicians trained in a few particular skitls rather than providing primary care dispensed by doctors who had had a general medical education. The barefoot doctors

would, it was reasoned, usualh be able to provide enough help to tide their patients over the commonly occurring, not which afflict there in the usual surgery queue. The patients for whom nature and the technicians could not find a cure would be only a minority, many of whom might have died anyway, and



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

so they did not, in an authoritarian society's view, amount

to a large problem. Any change to the National Health Service which gives greater emphasis to primary care has therefore to be very carefully analysed to make certain that the improved service being given will be better at satisfying the natient's needs and not merely at saving money for the Exchequer. Encouraging greater use of better-trained nurses

and pharmacists is obviously a cheaper option than using doctors who have had to spend six to ten year being educated. Greater reliance on ancillary stall might be financially desirable but it is doubtful if patients will always be able to get a broadly based opinion during their consultation from somebody whose training is by its very nature

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All experienced ductors

to discuss one problem while they have another that is disturbing them which they are too frightened to mention. This will only be uncovered during the course of the surgery chat but might well be missed if that chat is with somebody whose medical education is limited.

Whether doctors will enjoy working from a supermarket remains to be seen. Having doctors employed by supermarkets, and at other centres. is certainly a simple answer to problems of the cost of innercity surgeries, but whether suggesting they practise from spare counter-space in a supermarket is likely to keep British medicine in the forefront of international research is more doubtful.

to become a nueve practitioner. Last year even teaching hospitals found it difficult to recruit nurses of the calibre needed to do their present

The appalled reaction of any patients I have spoken to about the Hillingdon incident demonstrates that for all the political talk of values, the value that people place on decent care for the elderly transcends any discussion about cost

It is unlikely that patients roing to be satisfied with the thought that they can get a quick opinion about their sere throat at the local shop if granny is to be sacrificed in Hillingdon because she is too old to warrant the cost of a bed, whether in the hospital

Doctors offered freedom to innovate in White Paper proposals

Supermarkets may run in-store GP surgeries

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SUPERMARKETS will be free to run in-store doctors' surgeries under proposals to deregulate GP care announced yesterday.

The White Paper unveiled by Stephen Dorren, me Health Secretary, would allow outside organisations to contract with health authorities to provide care. At present, all GPs have individual employment contracts with health

These could be NHS trusts. commercial organisations or supermarket chains. The GPs would be salaried employees working fixed hours.

Practices could also take responsibility for providing services, hiring GPs on salaries to perform specific tasks. Patients would still be on a named doctor's list and the service would be provided by the NHS, but responsibility for running it would rest with the organisation.

Supermarket chains which are looking at the possibility of running GP surgeries alongside pharmacies in super-stores and shopping malls they are a workable proposition. Safeway said it would

like the freedom to offer additional services but is not certain that a supermarket would be the ideal environment for clinics, where patients need to speak in confidence to their doctors.

"You cannot treat patients as if they are waiting at the deli counter," said a spokeswoman. "We do have a toe in the water already. We may look at ways to expand on that if we could add extra services."

Mr Dorrell said the aim was to give GPs greater freedom in the way they provided care. They were being encouraged to take part in an experiment to devise the surgery of the future. My aim is to provide choice

and opportunity for those GPs and dentists who want to develop and improve services to pilot their ideas. Those who are happy with the status quo will be free to continue on the present basis," he said. Currently only individual

GPs, who are self-employed and must buy or rent premises, can contract to provide care. This has created



Dorrell: said aim was to provide opportunity

been caught by the property slump. Urban GPs have become harder to recruit and a salaried service is seen as the best way of stemming the exodus to the country.

At the other end of the scale. some of the most entrepreneurial GPs running big practices have been eager to expand their activities but have been frustrated by existing regulations. Under the White Paper proposals they will be able to hire GPs as well where property prices are as nurses and other staff on high and some doctors have salaries to do specific tasks. pharmacists and optometrists, will be framed in a Bill to be outlined in the Queen's Speech next week. They follow a discussion document issued in June based on a six month 'listening exercise" by Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, who travelled the country talking to doctors.

The British Medical Association said the biggest impact of the changes was likely to be in the inner cities. These changes are most attractive for those who want a salaried service and for the most adventurous GPs who want to By new ideas in an entrepreneurial way," said a spokes-man. "It is about letting a thousand flowers bloom but we will have to see whether that turns into a cultural revolution."

The White Paper makes no mention of cottage hospitals. which had been touted by ministers earlier in the year as a way of bringing medical care closer to patients. Yesterday, Mr Dorrell told the Commons that the need for such hospitals would have to be assessed locally in the same

Peter Riddell, page 14



David Brook says that the centre at Victoria station

Station doctors on a fast track for expansion

TWO months after opening Britain's first private walk-in surgery, opposite platform one at Victoria station in London, its backers are negotiating for five further sites to provide instant care to commuters and shoppers.

David Brook, of the Vic-toria Medicentre, admitted yesterday that the concept of instant, no-appointment treatment was so new that it was still a gamble. But he was confident that, once the facility had become more widely known, it would become an essential service for business people who could not afford to wait for days to see their

Apart from offering treatment and immediate consultation for people stepping off the trains, the centre has also provided invaluable aid to the seriously ill. Mr Brook said at least one man who had been suffering from a heart attack said he owed his life to them, while another was saved from the immediate and serious effects of

At present the centre, which

is served by five doctors and three nurses, deals with about 25 walk-in patients a day. They can vary from people suffering from a simwho are referred to hospital specialists. Charges vary from E32 for a basic consult ation to £250 for a complete health screening. Other services range from £5 for dressings to £37 for emergenev contraception.

Mr Brook said: "We are confident enough of the need for the service to be planning another centre for Victoria and for three other stations in London. We are also hoping to open two centres in

major provincial cities." One area in which the centres hope to profit is in the provision of vaccination services to commuters travelling to Gatwick for their holiday flights. The company also hopes it can interest local businesses in using the centres for health checks on their employees. It offers an instant service without the delays normally associated with such procedures.

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Zambezi explorers survive close encounters on record paddle through heart of Africa

Kayak pair dodge rocks and crocs for 1,700 miles

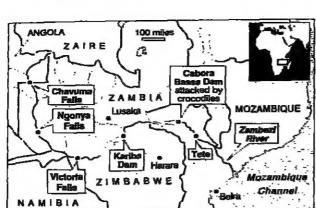
BY RUSSELL JENKINS

TWO British adventurers are today celebrating a record-breaking kayak expedition from the source of the Zambezi River to the sea. They fled from a man-eating crocodile and braved some of the world's most dangerous white-water rapids during

Justin Matterson, 33. and Rupert FitzMaurice, 31, both suffered from malaria as they paddled 1.675 miles from northwest Zambia to the magnificent sand-barred river delta on the Mozambique coast along the Indian Ocean.

On the trip, which involved h7 days of canoeing, the pair ere almost capsized by charging hippos, caught in a whirlpool, paddled within 3ft of the Victoria Falls and rode out Force 5 winds on one of the continent's largest man-made lakes. Mr Matterson, from Evanton, Ross and Cromarty, veteran of a 2,000-mile run through the Himalayas, and Mr FitzMaurice, of Forest Row. East Sussex, who runs expeditions for the charity Raleigh International, believe hey are the first to conquer he river unsupported.

The Source to Sea Appeal, pawned by the canonists's



adventure. has so far raised E7,000 towards a E25,000 target for the Leukaemia Research Fund. Both men are now recuperating in Harare, Zimbahwe, and are due to give a talk on their experiences at the Royal Geographical Soci-

ety in January.

Their most terrifying moment came as they were negotiating a narrow passage beyond the Cabora Bassa lake in Mozambique. They had been warned by Afrikaner settlers to beware a crocodile which they later learnt was blamed for the deaths of five men. "Fitz felt a bang and the back of his kayak go down."

thought he had hit a submerged tree but when he

"He saw what he considered to be the biggest crocodile head he has ever seen. It was resting on the kayak at a slight angle, looking towards him so you could see his teeth. His head appeared to be grinning.

shock of his life.

Fitz was in a hell of a state."

The head slunk back into the water as Mr FitzMaurice sprinted down the river. As the two men were pulling into the side, Mr Matterson spotted the crocodile gliding up behind his partner. He screamed a warning to Mr FitzMaurice, who dashed for the bank and

safety. "I don't know why he didn't go for Fitz again. With a croc that size, you would have no chance."

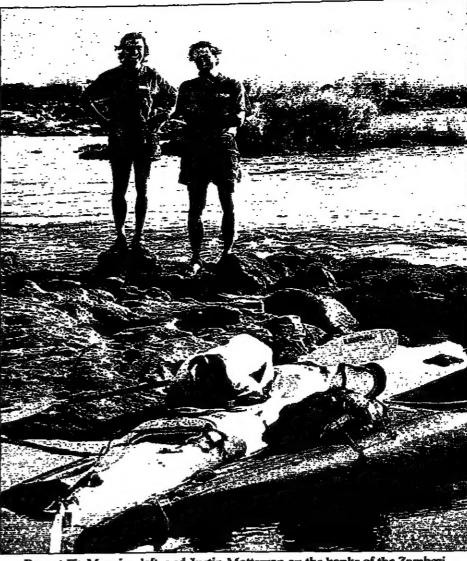
It was not until this century that the source of the 2,200-mile Zambezi was located in a Zambian swamp near the border with Angola and Zaire. For nearly 40 miles the pair followed the stream on foot, then made a detour around Angola, on Foreign Office advice, and picked up the river again at the Chavuma Falls in Zambia.

"On three occasions we

startled hippos on the bank."
Mr Matterson said. "They hurl themselves into the river and head for deep water. It is quite an adrenalin-pumping, fear-inducing moment. Hippos munch more people than any other animal. It is like being charged by a Buick."

In Mozambique the river passed through a wildlife conservation area known as Hippo City, home to more than 300 hippos. "That was a nerveracking experience." Matterson said. "People get taken on that stretch of the river every year.

"When we got to the sea we were silent for a good few hours. Basically we have kayaked through the heart of Africa."



Rupert FitzMaurice, left, and Justin Matterson on the banks of the Zambezi

Sentence on driver increased

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A 15-month jail sentence on a speeding car driver who killed a pizza delivery boy was increased to 3½ years by the Court of Appeal. The judges held that the sentence passed on Richard French, 2L. of Feltham. west London. for causing the death of 10-year-old Howard Petty was unduly lenient. The incident, in June, occurred hours after French had been freed on probation for a "road rage" offence.

Rail firm strike

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union will hold the first of a series of one-day strikes at First Engineering, a Scottish rail maintenance firm, on October 24, over the sacking of a member in a dispute over washing facilities.

Breton award

A linguist from Wales has been honoured by Brittany for promoting the Breton language. Rita Williams. 57, of Fishguard. Pembrokeshire, is the first Briton to receive the Ermine Collar, a Breton cultural award.

Life for rapist

A man who abducted a woman in Aberdeen and drove her 1.25 miles to rape her at his home in Edinburgh was jailed for life at the city's High Court. The judge recommended that George Clark, 35, serve at least 12 years.

Customer care

The people of Cardigan in West Wales raised £8,000 to send their postman. Michael Glover, to visit his grandfather in New Zealand after Mr Glover. 28, was found to be suffering from cancer. He has had to stop working.

Sickness at work

British workers take an average of 1.2 sick days a year, according to a survey by the insurers Legal and General. Forty per cent claimed never to have taken a day off. The CBI however said that the true figure was eight days a year.

Morrell's courage inspires hostage's girlfriend to fly to Kashmir



Mosely: encouraged by Morrell and McCarthy By EMMA WILKINS

THE girlfriend of a British student kidnapped in Kashmir more than a year ago is to fly to India to search for him. There has been ao contact with the kidnappers of Paul Wells for ten months but Catherine Mosely has refused to give up hope that he is alive.

Mr Wells, 25, a photographic student from Blackburn, was kiduapped while the couple were trekking in the north Indian state in July last year. Miss Mosely, 27, will leave for New Delhi later this week. She has been encouraged to keep her hopes up by Jill Morrell, who campaigned for more than four years for the release of John McCarthy from Beirut.

Miss Mosely, from Norwich, said: "I know nothing

wich, said: "I know nothing for certain. Paul could be dead, but I choose to believe he is still alive. There are times when the future looks so bleak, but I try to be optimistic. I have been living two lives: things go on normally, but this is always in the back of my mind."

She will travel to India with tob Wells, her boyfriend's

father. They hope to make contact with the group that is holding him and three other tourists: Keith Mangan, an electrician from Middlesbrough: Donald Hutchings, an American; and Dirk Hasert. a German.

Indian police believe that they were kidnapped by al Faran, a Kashmiri separatist group. A Norwegian hostage was found beheaded last year.

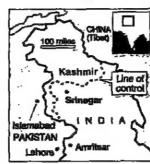
Families of the hostages, including Miss Mosely and Julie Mangan, Mr Mangan's wife, have spoken to Miss Morrell, Mr McCarthy and

Terry Waite, who was also taken hostage in Beirut. James Bowman, who runs the campaign to free the hostages, said: "Cath and Julie Mangan have taken heart from Jill and her determination not to give up hope and to keep campaigning for John's release."

Mr Bowman said the aim

of Miss Mosely's trip was to "establish some sort of contact with the captors, if only to establish that the men are still aline"

Miss Mosely and Mr Wells will make contact with diplomats at the British High

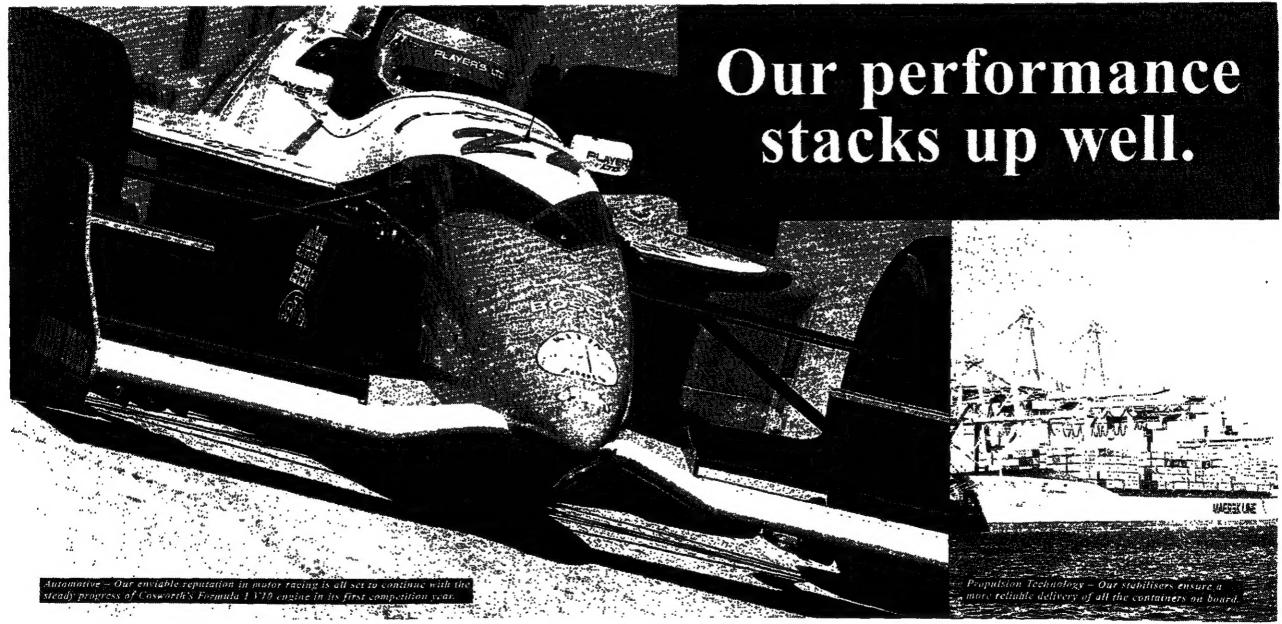


Commission in New Delhi before going to the Srinagar valley in Kashmir. where the hostages were taken. High Commission staff may acAl Faran is thought to operate from a Pakistani-controlled area, north of the line of control drawn by the United Nations. Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, was asked by John Major to help to find information about the hostages when she visited Britain two weeks ago.

On November 14, 500 days

Office spokesman said.

On November 14, 500 days after the men were captured, a group called Hostages in Kashmir will be launched to help to draw public attention to their plight.



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Luftwaffe damns much-vaunted Fulcrum fighter

Russia's Cold War air threat was 'hopeless'

ONE of Russia's prize combat aircraft, described by Nato as a lethal threat to Western air forces during the Cold War, is almost impossible to navigate range air-to-air combat, ac-

The MiG29 Fulcrum was One of several Russian fighter aircraft whose potential was used by the West to justify the development of more advanced combat jets, such as the Eurofighter and the Amer-

Lieutenant-Colonel Johann Koeck of the Luftwaffe, commander of the only Western squadron to fly MiG29s, said that the Russian fighter was almost unusable in all but a handful of operational

Jane's Defence Weekly reported that Colonel Koeck, iguadron commander of the Luftwaffe's Fighter Wing 73, which has been flying MiG29s transferred from the then East German Air Force for five years, was unimpressed. "Colonel Koeck's criticisms are particularly damning given the much-vaunted capabilities ascribed to the fighter by to the dissolution of the Soviet

Colonel Koeck said that he found the aircraft unreliable. Its radar, he said, was difficult





The Eurofighter: developed as a response to MiG29

to maintain and lacked adequate look-down shoot-down capability. However, in close combat, the MiG29 was the "best of the best" because of its superb aerodynamics, infrared search and track system and its All Archer doglight

The MiG29 entered service in 1983 and was acquired by the Luftwaffe after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The

Luftwaffe's MiG29s are due to be phased out around 2005 and replaced by the Eurolighter, which is a joint British, German, Italian and

Spanish project.
While developing the Eurofighter, which will cost Britain more than £15 billion, the Ministry of Defence compared the RAF's future requirements for a combat aircraft with the

Su37 Flanker, the Su31 and Following the critical com-

sources at British Aerospace, which is developing the Eurofighter at its factory at Warton in Lancashire, said that the MiG29 was never seen as the principal threat to Nato air forces. They said that the Russians had improved the MiG29 since the Luftwaffe had acquired their planes and stressed that it was unlikely the former East German air force had been given the best of the MiG29s.

The main threat faced by the Eurofighter would be a derivative of the Su37 Flanker, the sources said. The Flanker, like the MiG29, is being sold by the Russians around the world and could "end up in potentially hostile hands". The lat est version of the Su37 was displayed at the Farnborough airshow last month and proved to be one of the stars. With its twin movable nozzles, the Russian pilot was able to stop the plane in a vertical position for several seconds before rolling backwards in a

Despite the Su37's extraor-dinary acrobatics, the British Aerospace sources said that the Eurofighter, which is due to come into service with the RAF from about 2002, would still have the edge because of its acceleration, its man-oeuvrability and its superior



training ranges they have used since 1961. A veteran Mk I Leopard tank was especied to stand in commemoration at Castlemartin as senior officers from the British and German Armies attended a church service and said final goodbyes. About 84,000 German troops have

Panzers pull out of Wales

locally with their families. Nearly 150 soldiers married Welsh women during

comes after defence cuts in the German Army: German remnification and the that tank crews can now train closer to home in the former East Germany liaison officer at the base, said yesterday We're sad to be leaving because of the

Irish minister faces claims of infected blood cover-up

By AUDREY MAGES, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL NOONAN, the Irish Health Minister, will opposition allegations in the Dail this afternoon of a cover-up on how 1,600 women were infected with hepatitis C. One woman has since died.

The women were infected 20 years ago by contaminated products from the Blood Transfusion Services Board, the state blood bank, given to overcome the potentially fatal risks of pregnant women with rhesus positive blood having a rhesus negative baby. In such instances, the mother's antibodies can kill the child.

But many batches of anti-D immunoglobulin used to prevent the problem came from a woman later discovered to be infected with hepatitis C. which can cause liver failure. The female plasma donor was jaundiced but tested negative for hepatitis A and B; hepatitis C was not formally identified until 1989 and the blood bank



Noonan: said inquiry

However, it made no attempt to contact the infected women until 1993, when a doctor in Cork established a link between anti-D and hepatitis C.

Brigid McCole, 54, a mother of 12. died last month, days before her legal action against the Irish Government and the

High Court. Within hours of her death, her family was offered an out-of-court settle-ment for £175,000. The blood bank admitted liability and

Other sufferers had already settled with a government tribunal, which paid between £200,000 and £300,000 without admitting liability. Ireland is the only country in the world to have established a compensation appearant for compensation procedure for hepatitis C victims; there are tens of thousands of sufferers in Britain and France, bu liability has never been admitted

Mr Noonan, who announced last week that a tribunal of inquiry would be set up, said there would be no attempts to dismiss its findings: "When the judge reports after the judicial inquiry . . . let the chips fall wherever the chips fall."

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Retrial for Salvation Army case

Stuart Ford, 45, a financial adviser from Finchley, north £1.2 million from the Salvation Army, is to be retried. A new hearing was ordered after a jury at Southwark Crown Court cleared him of two of 23 counts of theft but failed to reach verdicts on the remainder. He allegedly stole the cash during an investment programme.

Moore sale

Works by Degas, Manet. Renoir, Vuillard and Courbet, belonging to the Henry Moore Foundation, are expected to be sold for about E1.5 million at Sotheby's in London on December 3.

Teenagers held

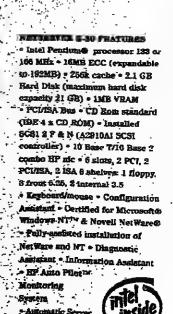
Two 14-year-olds have been arrested after an attack on a 90-year-old widow as she returned home from church in Ealing, west London, on Sunday. Nellie Maschke lost ber sight in one eye.

Sunday drinking

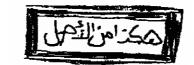
Polls to decide whether pubs can open on Sundays will be held on November 6 in two Welsh counties. Gwynedd and Rhondda Cynon Taff. Licensing laws allow a poll to be held every seven years.

FA medal stolen

Burgiars stole a 1902 FA Cup medal from William Barnes. 85, of Bath. It was awarded to his father, W.E. Barnes, who scored the winner when Sheffield United beat Southampton 2-1 at Crystal Palace.



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Former SAS officer pips First Sea Lord to maintain army tradition

General Guthrie wins top post in Services

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

ENERAL Sir Charles Guthie, head of the Army, was onfirmed yesterday as the ext Chief of the Defence Staff, espite a campaign by a ormer Royal Navy chief to ave the present First Sea ord promoted to Britain's top nilitary appointment.

Sir Charles, a sharp but ffable commander, will succeed Field Marshal Sir Peter nge when he retires next pril. The appointment, which was announced yesterlay after approval from the Queen, will mean that Sir Parles will have followed lirectly in the career footsteps of Sir Peter for seven posts. He took over from Sir Peter as Chief of the General Staff in March 1001

Sir Charles, a former SAS officer, will be the first Chief of the Defence Staff not to be promoted to a five-star rank, instead of moving up to field marshal he will remain a general, although the Minis-

try of Defence will be recommending to the Top Salaries Review Body that he should be paid on a higher scale than his fellow four-star generals. Sir Peter Inge earns

Sir Peter Inge earns £124.639 a year, rising to £125.850 in December. By comparison. General Guthrie earns £100.255 from his present post, rising to £101.230 in December.

The only other shortlisted candidate was Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. The two other names on the original list were Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon. Chief of the Air Force, and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff.

Senior MoD sources said that Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, had spent several months considering the shortlist. They said the Navy had "a very strong candidate indeed". However,



Inge: to retire next April after three years in post

they added that, since 1982, there had been no rotation system between the Services and Mr Portillo thought that General Guthrie had all the qualities he was looking for. Although Sir Jock was keeping a dignified silence, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of the

Defence Staff, said Mr Portillo was wrong not to appoint Sir Jock. The late Lord Fieldhouse was the last Navy man to hold the post in 1988. Lord Hill-Norton said: "I

don't know General Guthrie

I'm told he's a first-rate chap — but Jock Slater is a star. His experience should have weighed strongly in his favour. But Mr Portillo seems to think that most of the action is in Bosnia and Northern Ireland and so it's right to appoint someone from the Army. I think it's bad news for the country and for the Navy."

General Guthrie, 57, has a

reputation for being a charming and smooth operator who has acquired the necessary Whitehall skills to deal with ministers and civil servants.

He was commissioned into the Welsh Guards in 1959 and became a troop commander with 22nd Special Air Service Regiment seven years later. He returned to the Welsh Guards in 1970 to command a mechanised infantry company

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General Sir Charles Guthrie is well versed in the political skills needed to deal with ministers

before attending the Staff College at Camberley. He commanded the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards in 1977 in

Berlin and Northern Ireland, His rise through the Army led to him becoming Assistant Chief of the General Staff in 1987 and took command of the 1st British Corps in October 1989. He was promoted to Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhine in 1992. He is married to Kate and has two sons, David and Andrew. He is a keen skier, horseman and

The name of the next Chief of the General Staff will be announced next month.

Contest seeks schemes that enrich local communities

By JOHN YOUNG

THE eleventh annual Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times and Deloitte & Touche, are launched today with prizes worth more than £20,000. Their aim is to publicise outstanding examples of local people working with companies in their neighbourhoods to establish amenities and improve the quality of life.

Among the achievements of previous award winners are job creation and the establishment of businesses employing local people. They have set up housing co-operatives and built accommodation for the homeless others have improved the environment and developed community facilities ranging from kindergartens to adult education classes.

Last year's overall winner was the Old Chapel
Housing and Community
Trust in Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. In
the former mining town hit
by 25 per cent unemployment, the trust has established four houses and a
hostel for homeless young
people. It has won support
from charities, businesses
and local authorities.

The regional award winners will be announced next March and the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the overall winner will be presented in May.

made regionally. Two

winners will be found in

each of eight English regions. Scotland, Wales and

Northern Ireland, one for

projects with a turnover of less than £50,000 and one

for those above. Entries

are invited from individ-

uals, community organ-

isations, businesses, local

authorities or any other

group for projects com-

pleted between January I.

1991, and October 1 this

year. The closing date is

Entry forms may be obtained from The Community Enterprise Awards, Business in the Community, 44 Baker Street, London WIM IDH.

A message from HRH the Prince of Wales, chairman of the awards

Having been involved in the ten years the awards have been running. I have come to recognise the vital importance of local community involvement in the design and management of programmes and facilities to meet local needs.

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Pro-Europe Tories mock Goldsmith's 'Napoleonic ego'

SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH has a Napoleonic ego and his Referendum Party is nothing hut a rump of disgruntled Tories and neo-nationalists. according to his pro-European

The attack comes in a pam-phlet by the Bow Group, a Tory research organisation that has made the first detailed analysis of Sir James's speech to businessmen in June, known as the Newcastle Manifesto, It will be published on Friday, as the Referendum Party prepares for its conference on Saturday

Napoleon or Ross Perot? is written by Michael Welsh. the former Tory MEP who is chief executive of the Action Centre for Europe. Mr Welsh says that Sir James is more dangerous than the maverick US presidential candidate and bears greater comparison to the French emperor. So exaggerated is Sir James's claim to have to a special rapport with the European people that there are signs of an ego of Napoleonic dimensions".

He accuses Sir James of misinterpreting the European Union's history, saying that his "superficially plausible" case for a referendum on Europe is aimed at "stirring

the patriotic instincts of the James's claims that the British British people" and does not stand up to critical analysis.

The Referendum Party has no political programme, but merely a collection of populist slogans. "This is single-issue politics at its most extreme. The extreme naivity of Goldsmith's proposals for the future of the EU suggests that he has failed to think through his positions in any details."

He continues: "Given that lack of substance, the Referendum Party is likely to prove as ephemeral as any other singleissue protest movement and unlikely to make any real impact in a general election." Yesterday his analysis was

backed by Edwina Currie and other pro-European Tory MPs. Mrs Currie, MP for Derbyshire South, said that she was delighted that the party was finally exposing Sir James and urged Brian Mawhinney, the chairman, to make clear that Tories could not be members of two parties. "Sir James is a malcontent, bored and rich man, set on making mischief," she said. "His party can do a lot of damage both to the Conservaposition in Europe.

Mr Welsh rejects Sir

people were conned into jointhe political elite. He says it was always made clear that EEC membership would invalve some loss of sovereignty and had a political, as well as economic, dimension. He gives warning of the "hazards of a plebiscite" in a mature democracy and asks why Sir James, who backed EU membership in the original 1975 referendum, should now dis-

trust that judgment. He also rejects Sir James's claim that the European Commission's annual £200 million budget for "pro-European propaganda" outweighs his own £20 million. The £200 million. he says, pays for the European equivalent of Hansard, Parliament's official report, and other formal documents, not pro-Brussels advertising.

Mr Welsh accuses the Referendum Party of failing to address the serious consequences of Britain leaving the EU and dismisses the sugges-tion that Britain could rejoin European Free Trade Area. He says that Sir James's planned reforms of the EU to strengthen the Council of Ministers and emasculate the European Commission, Par-



by Margaret Thatcher, which

ensured that Europe's econo-

mies were run as a common

concern. "There can be no

single market if each partner

liament and Court - demonstrated a profound misunder-standing of the role of the institutions and a cavalier disregard for the realities of inter-state co-operation".

He rejects Sir James's charge that the Government lost its economic indepentreaty. Mr Welsh says the sovereignty was lost under the interests of the others." Single European Act, signed

like "joining a rugby club with the intention of playing associ-

pursues an independent economic policy regardless of the

EU membership without the prospect of any common

interests would, he said, be

Labour enjoying a free ride in healthcare debate abour cannot lose on health and the Tories RIDDELL

cannot win. No matter that the Major Government has spent an additional £ 7.7 billion, or 13 per cent in real terms, since the last election on the NHS. Or that the only specific pledge that the Prime Minister has made for the next Parliament is to increase the health budget each year by

more than the inflation rate. The public is unimpressed. It does not believe the health service is safe in Tory hands. According to MORI polls for The Times. Labour has a bigger lead on health than on any other issue. A poll in July showed that more than half the public believed that Labour had the best policies on healthcare, and barely a tenth thought the Tories did.

This is why Tony Blair picked the issue for his first confrontation with John Major at Prime Minister's Questions for three months. His carefully crafted soundbite that people "know you cannot ever trust the Tories on the NHS" was timed to reinforce recent stories about NHS fi-nancial problems and the decision by Hillingdon Hospital to take no more GP referrals of patients over 75. It was also intended to offset the impact of the Government's White Paper on primary healthcare, which was broadly welcomed yesterday despite opposition worries about GPs being employed by supermar-kets or pharmaceutical

companies. Some Tory strategists are fatalistic. The famous leaked memorandum two years ago by John Maples, former Tory deputy chairman, argued that ministers should avoid drawing the public's attention to health. Stephen Dorrell does not agree. The main changes were already in place when he took over in July 1995 and he believes there is scope for the Tories to stress the consequent gains. Despite talk of neutralising Labour's advantage on health, the Tories' realistic aim is to narrow the gap — in the same way that Gordon Brown can hope only to reduce, rather than eliminate, public scepti-

ON POLITICS cism about Labour pledges not

to raise taxes Labour's strength in the polis on health has not been matched by a similar strength on policy. The party has a free ride when hospitals have to cut back, or even halt, routine admissions because of financial problems outside their control and when people have to wait hours in accident and emergency departments or be moved around the country.

These complaints are real. Mr Blair can protest about the sins of the internal market. the waste, the mushrooming of managers, and hospitals competing against each other. but Labour has failed to offer a credible alternative. Its premanifesto document in July hid the real issues behind talk of developing a "collaborative. long-term approach, though the purchaser-provider split of the reformed structure would be retained under the new terms of planning and providing care. No doubt administrative costs can be cut but the much trumpeted "early" pledge to save £100 million in order to treat 100,000 putients is a gimmicky sleight of hand. when the Tories are spending El billion more in the current year. A Blair government might, at best, be able only to alleviate the worst anomalies of the internal market. It would continue the thrust of the NHS reforms with little, if no more, money than currently planned. Labour has so far not matched Mr Major's

pledge on health spending. Mr Blair always claims he will not promise more than he can deliver. But by criticising the Tory health record in such sweeping terms, and hence raising expectations that a Labour government could make a big difference, he risks doing exactly that. The public may always regard Labour as better custodians of the health service than the Tories, but miracle cures are not available.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair adviser proposes scheme for higher pensions

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leader's social security adviser has put forward a plan to transform the welfare state that would mean lower basic tax rates but higher national insurance

contributions. In a document published today Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, has suggested changes to increase pensions and provide incentives for the unemployed to find work. His proposals aim to provide a guaranteed pension of two thirds of carnings and a care pension to pay for residential or nursing care. But all those earning more than £100 a earning £10.000 would gain about £150 a year, but a small group of lowweek would be required to contribute to a second pension scheme.

Mr Field, appointed in July to advise Mr Blair on tax and benefit reforms, proposes a 5p starting rate of tax and a 19p basic rate offset by higher national insurance contributions. Those earning less than about £15,600 a year would make a net gain, while those earning more would pay more.

People with salaries of more than E30,000 would pay £500 a year more, while those earning £60,000 would pay about £1,000 more. Those £150 a year, but a small group of lowpaid workers would pay more because they would be paying nat-

ional insurance for the first time.

Although Mr Blair might be attracted to Mr Field's radical thinking, he is unlikely to agree to measures that would hit the middle classes and those earning less than the average wage - about £17,000. Yesterday his office merely said: "As always with Frank, he has made a stimulating contribution to the debate on this very important issue."

But Mr Field argues that people

are much more likely to accept

paying extra, targeted insurance als every worker would be entitled to contributions than higher direct taxes. "Voters will only be able to foot the bill if they have control over where their savings and contributions go." he said vesterday

As well as the lower tax rates Mr Field proposes an increase of about £400 in the personal allowance. The changes would be funded by a new NHS insurance-based tax that would raise £18 billion - half the present annual costs of the health service. Everyone earning more than £60 a week would be expected to pay a 7 per cent NHS insurance tax.

Under the new insurance propos-

and every worker a minimum pension entitlement of two thirds previous earnings," Mr Field said.

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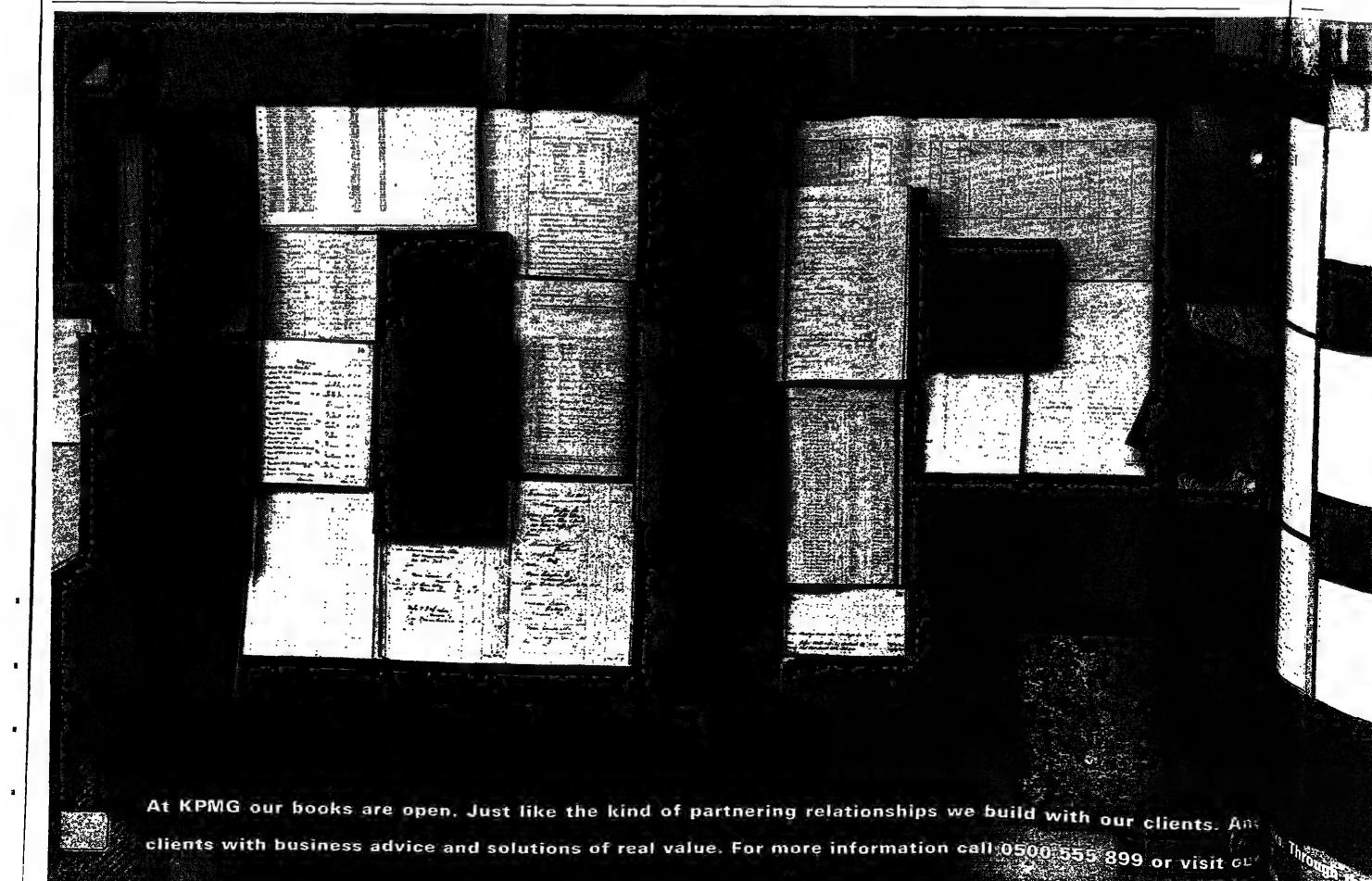
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that pension. The aim of this dual pension scheme is to provide each

IN PARLIAMENT



Poll success of Austrian far Right undermines Prodi's belief in benefits of European integration

« Italian discontent grows over drive to adopt the euro

THREE weeks after the Italian Cabinet adopted a radical deficit-slashing budget in a final dash to meet the Maastricht single currency criteria. it is dawning on a shocked Italian nation that the cost is

The centre-left Government of Professor Romano Prodi is facing the first ominous rumblings of popular discontent since it was elected last April. Signor Prodi's office announced yesterday that the Italian leader would hold ur-gent unscheduled talks on monetary union with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in Bonn tomorrow.

The dramatic gains made by Jörg Haider's far-right anti-Maastricht Freedom Party in Austria's European elec-tions have had a sobering impact on neighbouring Italy. where until recently adherence to European integration was an article of faith. Sud-denly the hard questions are being asked.

"A nationalist Euro-sceptical wind is blowing across Europe," La Repubblica said yesterday. "We are so fixated on the criteria for the euro that we are failing to confront the other great issues, such as unemployment, immigration and the fight against crime."

A caricature on the cover of L'Espresso magazine shows a grimly determined Signor Prodi at the controls of a motorbike, heading for "Euro pile-up", while Massimo D'Alema, the astute leader of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) — the former Communist core of the Government — gestures in a different direction from the

Sixty per cent of Italians still say they are willing to make "sacrifices" to qualify for the euro. The entry at the weekend of the Finnish markka to the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) was - as La Repub-blica put it - "a shock to us Mediterraneans, who think of Finland as a remote land of ice

and mist". The Prodi budget, which included a housing tax and a euro levy, was partly designed to undercut moves by Umberto Bossi's Northern League to secede and join economic and monetary union (EMU) separately. It was mainly inspired, however, by fear that fellow southern Europeans - above all the Spanish - would qualify while Italy did not.

At the European Union finance ministers' meeting in Luxembourg this week, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Treasury

and Budget Minister, de-fended the budget, saying if he had predicted in May that traly would be aiming to reduce its deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product by next year "they would have taken me off to the madhouse". He insisted that the lira would rejoin the ERM. which it left with sterling in 1992, "by the end of the year".

The end of the year is, however, only ten weeks away. Signor Prodi argues tartly that, if France is allowed "creative accounting", Italy should be too. However, Italians acknowledge that President Chirac tactlessly blurted out what he and Herr Kohl really thought when, on the eve of the Franco-Italian summit in Naples ten days ago, he said Italy would be left behind because of the "unstable lira". Jean Arthuis, the French Finance Minister, said at Luxembourg that the "hasty reentry" of the lira to the ERM would "risk harm to both the Italian and the European monetary authorities". while Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank chairman, said Europe needed "durable economic convergence" — a coded rebuil to Italian aspirations.

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French Fourth Estate stages 24-hour strike in protest at loss of tax perk

FROM BEN MACINTYRE KOL PARIE

FRENCH journalists, enraged at plans to eliminate their traditional tax perks, went on a 24-hour strike yesterday, reducing radio and television news coverage to a bare minimum and preventing the publication of today's edition of many national and regional newspapers.

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister,

back down from its pledge to scrap tax concessions for more than 100 professions, including a 30 per cent income tax deduction for journalists dating back to 1934.

But in an apparent attempt to calm the situation, M Juppé issued a vague statement saying that he had ordered Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, "to see that the move does not worsen certain situations in professions now benefiting from this rebate".

All of France's main journalists' unions supported the strike, insisting that the tax concession is an accepted part of journalists' salaries and claiming that a reporter earning the average wage of £1,600 a month would forfelt the equivalent of a month's pay if the tax reform goes through.

Several regional newspapers and journalists reporting on the French parliament have also threatened to stop coverage of politicians who

vote in favour of removing their privileged tax status, Staff at Le Monde voted not to

join the protest, but unions at most other leading French newspapers, including Le Figuro, Libération and Le Parisien, voted to strike, State-owned radio and television channels provided a skeleton news service while the news radio station France-Info was largely replaced by

Tax reform is just one incendiary

element in a 1997 budget aimed at reducing spending and cutting the deficit to ensure France qualifies to join European monetary union.

The journalists' strike yesterday was a foretaste of tomorrow's general strike when civil servants. teachers, rail and power workers are all expected to stop work in protest at government austerity policies, planned job cuts and

rising unemployment. Some MPs have accused protest-

ing journalists of unconstitutional behaviour and attempted blackmail, but others, apparently fearing a media boycott, have tabled

amendments to the tax reform Bill. Government officials say they are confident tomorrow's 24-bour strike is an isolated, one-off protest rather than the precursor to another winter of discontent. But last year's unrest also began with a one-day strike and government protesta-

Vienna to campaign against sceptics

FROM ROYER BOYES

THE Austrian Government. stummed by the growing popularity of the far Right, is considering ways of boosting the appeal of the European Union and persuading sceptical Austrians of the need for a

single currency.

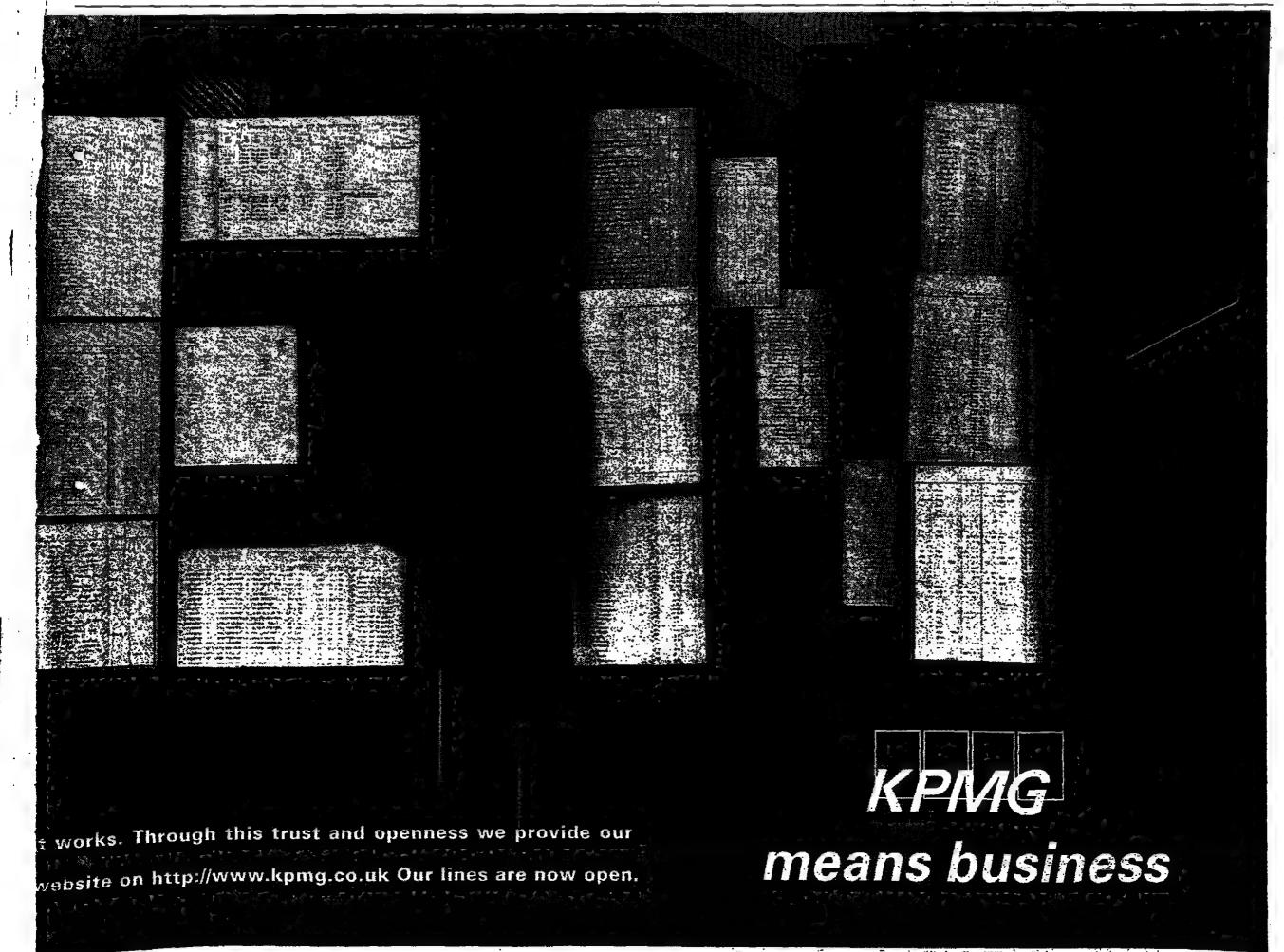
There has to be more intensive and more open communication, a generally comprehensible message," said Viktor Klima, the Finance Minister, whose party, the Social Democrats, were the worst hit by the European election results at the weekend. "We have to set out in great detail the advantages of

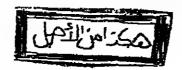
European membership. the far-right Freedom Party. profited from the popular disillusion over European membership, winning 27.6 per cent of the vote.

Above all, the reaction from abroad is prodding the Austrian Government into taking defensive action. Although Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor, yesterday dismissed calls to resign, the coalition be-tween Social Democrats and the conservative People's Party has to devise new strategies to increase the popularity of Europe and to halt the rise of Herr Haider.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, was said yester-day to be "deeply concerned" about the electoral success of Herr Haider, who has set his sights on being leading of Austria by 1999 and would be within reach of his goal if he boosts his share of the vote from this weekend's 28 per

cent to some 33 per cent. "All the European finance ministers asked about only one thing - Haider," Herr Klima said after a European ministerial meeting in Luxembourg. The coincidence of the shrinking of the Centre and the apparently unstoppable worrying to foreign observers.





Panicky Taleban braced for big attack on Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

KABUL waited nervously yesterday for news of war. Its one million citizens do not know if they are to be invaded immediately or later. The tension shows on the faces of Taleban soldiers in the streets: their mood is ugly and they have discarded the plastic flowers fixed to their guns after they seized the capital.

General Ahmed Shah Masood, defence chief of the former government ousted by Taleban nearly three weeks ago, is fighting for control of the important Bagram military airbase north of the capital. Its fall seems inevitaole. That will finally drive Taleban back to Kabul, which has a formidable armoury of anti-aircraft guns, rocket launchers and heavy artillery.

General Masood's alliance with General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord, is crucial to what happens next. General Masood could not retake Kabul alone by conventional military means. There are doubts about General Dostum's intentions: his primary interest has always been the preserva-tion of his successful fieldom and, so long as that is safe, he may decline to join any assault

General Dostum's name

comes from the Urdu for friend, dost. A dostum is everybody's friend - an appropriate name for a warlord who is willing to befriend anybody who will help to keep his empire intact. He has changed sides at least three times in Afghanistan's recent warmongering and has bro-ken deals as fast as he has made them. General Masood may de-

cide on a longer-term strategy to retake Kabul. He could move against softer targets first - the crucial town of Sarobi, east of Kabul, would be a logical first step since it straddles the vital supply road from the Khyber Pass. The western city of Herat, which is largely Tajik and resents the Pashtun-dominated Taleban rulers, would be ripe for subversion.

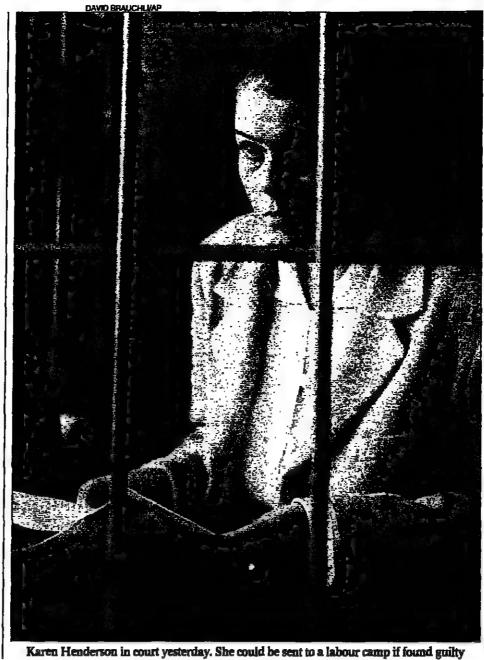
Taleban has alienated Kabul with its Islamic dogma, and General Masood could exploit this popular dissatisfaction simply by letting it grow. A small ammunition dump blew up a few days ago. It is not known if it was sabotage, but Taleban soldiers were in such a panic they started shooting at each other. Such are the tensions. The people no longer greet the fighters as they did when they

arrived and the gunmen are increasingly surly. Pakistan sent a high-level emissary to Afghanistan yesterday for talks with Taleban, which it has supported despite persistent denials. A group of ten gunmen dressed as Talebs responded to a question ad-dressed to them in Urdu a few day's ago, until they realised their mistake and fell silent.

Pakistan, used as a conduit by the United States for billions of dollars to arm the Mujahidin guerrillas fighting the Soviet occupation in the 1980s, may have once more backed the wrong horse. Since the end of the Cold War the former Mujahidin have destabilised the region with their

drugs, guns and warfare.
Pakistan hoped Taleban
would bring peace and unity
to its neighbour, and the United States hoped the Islamic warriors would oppose the drugs trade - Afghanistan rivals Burma as the largest producer of raw opium. In-stead, drugs production in Taleban areas has risen significantly, according to United Nations sources.

Afghans under Taleban may lose a limb for taking drugs, but it is apparently acceptable to produce heroin



British girl faces Moscow judges on drugs channel on drugs charge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

charged with cocaine smuggling and facing several years in a Russian labour camp if found guilty, pleaded her innocence yesterday in a Mos-

cow courtroom. From behind the bars of a steel cage, Karen Henderson, 18, told the court that she had been tricked into carrying 10lb of cocaine in her luggage on a flight from Havana to Poland via Moscow.

Russian customs officers arrested Miss Henderson and Suzanne Gerada, a Dutch passenger, on February 6 after discovering the drugs packed into false bottoms in their

Gerarda pleaded guilty to the smuggling charges and was sentenced to six years' labour in a prison camp.

Miss Henderson, who remained calm and confident during the hearing, insisted that she had been tricked by a man at Havana airport who sold her a new suitcase, containing the drug, after her old suitcase had broken.

Since her arrest she has been held in Moscow's notorious Butyrka remand prison. which houses 7,000 immates double the number it was designed to hold.

If convicted, Miss Henderson could be sent to a labour camp for foreigners in Mordovia, a region east of Moscow which was infamous

A TEENAGE British girl. as a prison colony in the days

of Soviet rule.
Yesterday's proceedings in
the tiny Moscow regional courtroom, which was packed with relatives. British consular officials and journalists, ranged from the farcical to the

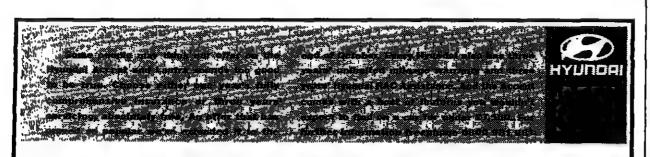
On a number of occasions. Miss Henderson had to ask for the proceedings to be halted because her court-appointed interpreter could not keep up with the testimony and examination, or had mis translated the discussions.

One of the three judges on the panel slept quite soundly through most of the hearing, even though he will be expect ed to vote on the verdict and sentence as early as today.

The defendant's mother Patricia Henderson, called as a character witness, insisted that her daughter had never used drugs and had never been in trouble with the police. She said her daughter had a trusting nature, which could have led to her being tricked. Please, please let her come home with us," she pleaded.

Hugh Henderson, her father, sat impassively at the back of the court. He said before yesterday's proceedings that he was at a loss to explain what had happened.

"I love Karen dearly." he said. "To me she is just a child. I will do anything I can to help



3 years' free servicing or one year's free insurance or a lifetime's supply of free petrol (Okay, so we lied about the last one.)



Belgians go on strike over judge

Brussels: Public sector workers went on strike and there were demonstrations across Belgium yesterday in protest over the dismissal of Jean-Marc Connerotte, the judicial investigator, from the country's child sex abuse and murder inquiry (Leyla Linton

Volkswagen workers tried to force their way into the Palais de Justice here, where a crowd of about 700 gathered. Some protesters threw eggs, but most left messages of support and flowers.

Court orders Priebke retrial

Rome: Italy's highest court of appeal ordered a retrial for former SS captain Erich Priebke over the massacre of 335 Italians in 1944. The court made void a military court verdict that had found Priebke guilty of war crimes but had ordered him freed because the statute of limitations had run out (Reuter)

South Africans flee from crime

Johannesburg: Fear of violent crime is leading white South Africans to flee the country in growing numbers. The number of emigrants, almost all white professionals, rose 23.6 per cent to 5,627 in the first six half of 1996 over the same period last year, while the number of immigrants fell by 4.2 percent to 2,509. (Reuter)

Gabon Ebola toll rises to 10

Geneva: The Ebola virus has killed ten people in Gabon, the World Health Organisation said. The United Nations health agency confirmed that an Ebola-type virus had infected 14 people in the Booue region in the northeast of the West African country. Two of the remaining four are reported to be acutely ill. (AP)

Church moves to canonise shot tsar and his family

FROM RICHARD BESTON

NEARLY 80 years after Tsar Nicholas II, his wife and five children were executed by the Bolsheviks, the Russian Orthodox Church has taken the first steps to have the country's last royal family canonised.
At the latest meeting of the Church's Holy Synod in Moscow, senior clerics have been bearing the findings of a study into the proposal that the entire royal family should be declared saints. Although it could be months before a decision, the move has caused a dispute between supporters of the monarchy and Communists, who regard the entire process as a politically in-

spired propaganda ploy. Father Aleksandr Bulyakov, for the Moscow patriarchate, said that the whole Church had to be consulted before the proposal went before the Archbishops Convocation in February for a preliminary decision. "The Church does not want any dissent on this," he said. "It must have unanimous approval."

The debate is likely to centre on the lives and the deaths of



the last Romanovs. Tsar Nicholas abdicated in March 1917 as the country slid into civil war. He was taken to the Urals city of Yekaterinburg where he was held in the house of a local merchant. In July 1918 the Tsar, his wife Tsarina Alexandra, Crown Prince Alexei and Princesses Olga, Tatyana, Anastasia and Marie were shot and bayoneted to death with the family doctor and three servants.

Advocates of the canonisation say that the last monarch acted with saintly

devotion to God and his country. "He relinquised power for the good of his country. He stayed in Russia rather than fleeing," Archimandrite Platon Igummov told the Mosq* !

However, Irina Makaveyeva, a spokesman for the Communist Party, said that she and many Russians regarded Nicholas II as a traitor who had abdicated when the country was in difficulties and had remained in his homeland only because Britain

Spanish youth stay at home

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

MORE young Spanish adults than ever before are remaining in the parental home as unemployment grows, a re-cent study has shown.

Revealing a sharp reversal of Western trends, the Institute of Youth has found that 52 per cent of all Spaniards aged between 25 and 30 years now live with their parents, almost twice the number that did so a decade ago. Of those aged between 16 and 30, the study finds, 80 per cent have not yet left home.

Spain has a larger percentage of "adult young" living with their parents than anywhere else in the developed world. The reasons for this are not difficult to discern. Unemployment in Spain is at Europe's highest level, with one in four members of the workforce officially jobless.

The unemployment rate for those under 30 is almost twice Property prices, particular-

by in metropolitan areas, tend to be as high as those in Britain. The rental market, too, offers poor prospects. Yet aithough the study shows that two-thirds of those aged between 25 and 30 lack

economic autonomy", the impoverished are not the only ones who tend to stay at home. Several Spaniards in full-time employment are also aware that living at home can ensure a higher quality of life than living on one's own.

Margarita, 57, a Madrid cleaner, said: "My son earns enough to buy his own flat and move out, but why should he? I provide a better domestic service for him than he would get anywhere else. He

can spend his salary on his car, his clothes and his girlfriend."

Since "emancipation" from the parental home has traditionally come with marriage. the stay-at-home statistics have also been boosted by the fact that Spanish men and women are now marrying later than ever.



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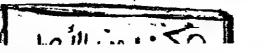
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Dole gets personal as funding row engulfs Clinton

IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE will face President Clinton in the second and final presidential debate tonight after launching an aitack on the President's ethics in a last-ditch effort to turn the race around.

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Fuelling Mr Dole's attack was a burgeoning scandal involving huge, highly dubious contributions to the Democratic Party and Mr Clinton's re-election campaign from wealthy Indonesians. Republicans have been

mpeting the tawdry hur complex affair for several days, demanding a special prosecutor be appointed to investigate, but only yesterday did the story pick up momen-turn when it led television news bulletins and crept on to the front pages of several leading newspapers.

Mr Dole, fearful of resurrecting his old "hatchet man" image, has long equivocated about directly attacking Mr Clinton. His wife, Elizabeth, has reportedly said that if he is to lose he should do so with dignity. On Monday, however, he threw caution aside.

At a Kansas City rally he mocked Mr Clinton's claims to an ethical Administration. noting: "Over 30 people gone. They're in jail or they're indicted or they're out of

He insisted that Mr Clinton



unambiguously rule out presi dential pardons for convicted Whitewater business associates who might otherwise cooperate with Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor. He also compared the White House's improper acquisition of hundreds of FBI files on Republican officials to Watergate.

The Dole campaign published some searching ques-tions about the Indonesian campaign contributions. "Not some slip, slide and duck, Mr President. Just answer the questions." Mr Dole de-

Unlike the first debate, tonight's has a "town-hall" format where 120 randomly Californians around the stage and ask the questions. Mr Dole cannot control the issues raised, and strident attacks could badly backfire in such an intimate

Mr Dole is also vulnerable himself. He has done count-

campaign contributors during wealthy through means unavailable to ordinary Americans, and was one President Nixon's staunchest defenders during Watergate. He vigorously defended President Ford's subse-

quent pardon of Mr Nixon. The most controversial Indonesian contributions, totalling \$425,000 (£275,000) uver seven months, were made by Airef and Suraya Wiriadinata, an Indonesian couple of ap-parently modest means living Washington's Virginia

suburbs

Contributions from foreigners are legal provided they are Republicans insist the Wiriadinatas were merely a front for the Lippo Group, a vast Indonesian conglomerate run by the Riady family, whose links with Mr Clinton date back to his Arkansas days.

The contributions were soby John Huang, a former Lippo executive who was given a sensitive Commerce Department post dealing with international economic policy in 1994 and later became a Democratic Party fundraiser. The Wiriadinatas are now

incommunicado in Indonesia, Mr Huang will answer only written questions. The White House flatly insists no laws



Remodelled First Lady takes to the road

FROM TOM RHODEN IN CHICAGO

HILLARY CLINTON spent half an hour in the grandiose Chicago ballroom fore she was whisked away to another loyal audience in another state to the strains of Sweet Home Chicago, the tune she adopted in her native city.

Mrs Clinton left behind adoring supporiers and frustrated journalists. The fundralsing event in Chicago offered the Clinton imprimatur for Dick Durbin, the Democratic Senate candidate. Four or five days a week Mrs Clinton is criss-

selected groups from Illinois to Florida, Connecticut to California, Yesterday it was Arizona, Today she joins her husband for the presidential debate in San Diego. On Friday it will be New Hampshire.

The schedule is released only at the last minute and no member of the media is allowed on her plane. Indeed following Mrs Clinton offers a challenging respite to the publicity-conscious campaign of Elizabeth Dole, wife of the Republican candidate, Bob Dule. National opinion is divided. Fifty per

cent of the electorate, mostly women. view Mrs Clinton as a global role model and cite misogyny as the cause of her troubles. Almost as many view her as a martinet and congenital liar whose hand is behind every scandal that has plagued Bill Clinton's ascendancy from Arkansas to the White House. There is talk of her indictment by Whitewater prosecutors next year. In short, she has become the most potent factor in his re-election.

Her carefully-scripted speeches have reined in the liberal ideology that marked her first two years in Washington and proved so disastrous for Mr Clinton at the mid-term elections in 1994. In twinset and pearls, this is Hillary the asset, rather than Hillary the liability.

Raids fail to destroy Saddam's missiles

IN WASHINGTON

IRAQ repaired its surface-toair missile system within two weeks of being bombarded with £32 million of American cruise missiles, a senior defence official has claimed.

It would take "a flip of the switch" for Iraq to be able to threaten aircraft patrolling a no-fly zone in southern Iraq. the unnamed official told The Washington Post.

On September 2 and 3 American forces attacked traqi air defences with 44 cruise missiles after President Suddam Hussein of Iraq seni his forces into Kurdish-held northern Iraq, General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Saddam Hussein that any attempt to repair those sites ... will be taken very seriously."

It now appears that the sites may not have been as badly damaged as thought, or that iraq's ability to rebuild its lieved. Republicans have criticised the Clinton Administration for wasting millions of dollars on ineffective attacks.

The official emphasised that there was no sign that Iraq plans offensive use of its surface-to-air radar or Soviet-States has not taken further action partly because traq has complied with demands such as removing mobile missile

*Lourdes Maria and her Madonna doing well

was at her bedside

indication whether she plans

Carlos Leon, 30, although her publicist said he was at the

Suggestions that the Materi-

al Girl's foray into parenthood was for "shock value" or that

she had "used the father as a stud service" are wide of the

star's bedside for the birth.

marry the girl's father,

IN LOS ANGELES

BURDENED with instant celebrity and an unusual name, Madonna's first child, a girl, was born without complications at a Los Angeles hospital on Monday afternoon.
Lourdes Maria Ciccone

Leon weighed 6lb 9oz 25 she entered her mother's world of global fame and closely guarded privacy.

The arrival of the "showbiz

baby of the year" was confirmed by the father of a convicted felon. Dr Paul Fleiss, a paediatrician whose daughter, Heidi, ran a Hollywood callgirl ring, supervised the delivery at the singer's request. Mobbed by camera-messas he emerged from the Good Samaritun Hospital late on Monday, Dr Fleiss confirmed the birth and his role in not by Caesarean section, as

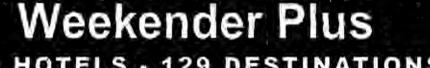
Madonna, 38, has given no

published diary, adding: These are comments only a man would make."

In fact, she inspired such talk by joking on television last year that she was considering advertising for candidates for the "fatherhood gig". In the end, she lighted on Mr Leon, a Cuban-born fitness club manager, after bumping into him while jogging in New York's Central Park two years RPO. The star spent most of hi pregnancy filming Evita in Argentina, Hungary and London, but found time to dine with Mr Leon's family in

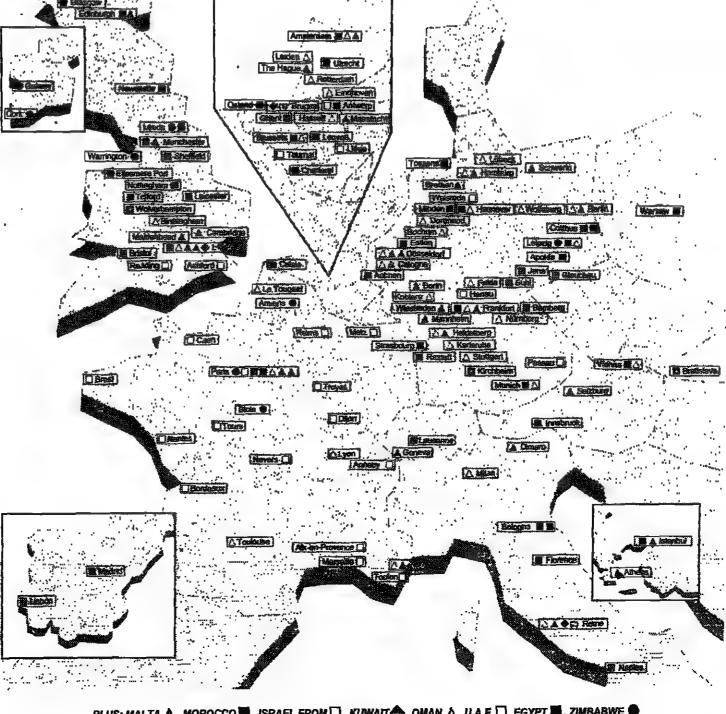
Madonna's past is anything but maternal. She exploded onto the pop scene in the early 1980s as a mincing nymphet, and maintained her fame with pointed bras and pornographic picture books.

In the Magazine on Saturday: Madonna on the mak-



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Antarctic job for FBI as chefs get in a stew

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

FBI agents have been sent to Antarctica after a squabble can base there.

Three agents this week went to McMurdo Sound, site of America's Antarctic base, to investigate what could become a landmark case for the south polar continent. Seven nations claim territorial rights to Antarctica, but since a 1961 treaty these have been placed on ice, as it were, in the name of scientific endeavour and

global goodwill.
The arrival of FBI agents, along with a solitary Australian official, could create a legal precedent for the policing of the 5.5 million square mile land mass. Details of the incident in the McMurdo Sound kitchen were foggy, but one cook, equipped with an ice axe, was said to have attempted to bury it in the head of a colleague. A third cook joined in, possibly to separate the two combatants.

Two chefs, named as Tony Beyer and Joe Stermer, were hurt in the alleged attack and required stitches. Another man, who was not named, was being held in custody, pending the arrival of the FBI

An FBI spokesman in Washington yesterday refused to comment on the case, but the American move will be watched with interest by the Governments of Britain. Norway, France, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, which have all made claims on the region.

'Striptease' Sandinista chief lures back voters

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MANAGUA

cluding his youngest brother.

"We cannot go on living with harred and grudges," he said. "We are a family that

was divided. Now it is time to unite again," he added as girls

waved red-and-black pom-

poms before a banner bearing his name and a big red heart

Critics say the Sandinista

changes are more apparent than real. Few have forgotten

the plundering of Nicaragua's national treasury by Sandinis-

ta bosses during their final

days in office in 1990. Over-

night the comandantes be-came wealthy men, running

an empire of secret front

companies, including banks,

insurance companies, import-

export businesses and large

Señor Ortega has also caused offence by his attempt-ed last-ditch alliances with

former enemies, including

landowners, church leaders

and even members of the US-

backed Contra army which waged a bloody war against

the Sandinistas in the 1980s. "It is a political striptease,"

said Sergio Ramirez, the nov-

elist who was the Sandinista Government's Vice-President

in the 1980s but left the party

in disgust two years ago. "If

you take off all your clothes, you end up naked."

staged a public meeting with Contra fighters and signed a

pact offering them three Cabinet positions. The Sandinistas say that more than 4,000 former Contras attended, but

witnesses say only a handful

of commanders were present.

Critics accused Señor Ortega

of making a pact with the devil

in an attempt to win votes. "It

is immoral," said Dora Maria

Téllez, a much respected Health Minister in Señor Or-

tega's Government.

Last month Senor Ortega

coffee and cattle farms.

with an arrow through it.

SIX years after Nicaraguans and the comrades killed, invoted the Sandinista Front for National Liberation out of office, Daniel Ortega, the former President, is staging a remarkable comeback as the country returns to the polls

next Sunday.

After trailing badly early in the campaign, the election race has tightened, with Senor Ortega now nearly even with the favourite, Arnoldo Ale-man, the former Mayor of Managua and a bitter Sandi-

Repackaged as the candidate of peace, Senor Ortega, 49, is running a slick campaign. Seeking to make amends for the policies that alienated many voters in 1990. he has brought his message of reconciliation to far-flung rural corners of this impoverished nation of four million.

During the 1980s, when the United States feared the spread of communism in Latin America, few left-wing leaders got more under Washington's skin than Senor Ortega. "A tinpot dictator," Ronald Reagan called him: George Bush once said that he was a "skunk" at the garden party of

democracy. But today the Marxist rhetoric is gone. The Sandinistas have changed their tune, replacing the party's revolutionary anthem, which vowed to fight against the Yankee, enemies of humanity", with Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

"It is working," says Oscar Rene Vargas, a political ana-lyst. "The Sandinistas have been able to change the image of Ortega from an aggressive figure to a saintly man." Dressed in white on the campaign trail, Señor Ortega says he feels the pain of those worst affected by the country's civil war. "I have also suffered," he told one rally, referring to the seven years he spent in jail



Rare dinosaur fossils stolen from sacred Australian site

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THIEVES who stole dinosaut fossils from a sacred site near Broome. in Western Australia, got away with what are believed to be the world's only known set of stegosaurus footprints, palacontologists said yesterday.

The prehistoric remains

came from a track made by the 30ft tall herbivore, distinguished by a double row of spikes along its spine, which roamed the planet during the Jurassic period. The prints date from more than 130 million years ago and were an important link in the chain of evidence suggesting the exis-tence of the prehistoric southern land of Gondwana, over what is now Australia, South America, Africa. India and Antarctica.

Ken McNamara, senior curator of fossils at the University of Western Australia, said



One of the fossil footprints

lable significance. "It is a great loss because they are unique fossil trackways and worldwide they are incredibly rare," he said. "I don't know what the footprints would be worth on the open market, but

as far as the work that is going on to support the existence of cerned, they were unique."

Local Aborigines, who pelieve the four footprints belong to a mythical creature from their "Dream Time", are upset by the theft. Aboriginal custodian Joseph Roe claimed the theft could bring

"Whoever's responsible for stealing the rock could fall ill and as custodian I'm at risk myself," he said. "It's a real

Mr Roe said the local spirits would look for revenge. "The quicker I get my hands on these things and put them back, the safer it'll be for me and whoever took them."

Police believe the footprints were removed from rock with the aid of power tools. The theft of the dinosaur fossils comes only weeks after the world's oldest rock carvings were found in Australia's Northern Territory.



Scientists measure the stegosaurus footprints near Broome, Western Australia

'Worthless' footprints may go to private collector

By Roger Maynard AND QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

WHILE there is a thriving world trade in fossils, most palaeontologists believe

that the stolen footprints of the stegosaurus are so rare as to make them worthless on the open market.

Dr Robert Bakker, dinosaur curator

on Australian radio yesterday that the fossilised footprints would be easily recognisable.

"Someone wanted a souvenir, they went out and stole antiquities and since they would be easily identified at a gem and mineral show in a catalogue, their retail value is virtually zip," he said. Police believe the footprints may have

at the Tate Museum in Wyoming, said been stolen by or for a private

North America has a flourishing market in dinosaur remains and artefacts, and prices can run to several thousands, some say millions, of dollars. Trading is mostly legal and is done through various media, from the Internet to big city auction houses, such as Sotheby's. The going rate for a

Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton is said to be around \$1 million (£640,000).

The New York-based US Dinosaur Society, a blameless organisation of dinosaur enthusiasts, yesterday lamented the lack of export restriction laws on dinosaur remains from America and predicted that the dinosaur collecting world would soon also have





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Chinese may close 'wild west' border to rein in Muslims

From David Watts in kashgar, xinjiang, western china

FACED with the murder of an imam and sporadic unrest in its far western regions, the -Chinese Government is considering closing its northwest-iem borders to all but bona fide business travellers.

Plans to close the border innie as a crackdown is under Way against Muslim activists in Xinjiang province. Several hundred have been arrested since midsummer, separatists in Kazakhstan say. The authorities are target-

ine illegal religious activists with a special focus on underground schools that teach freligious dogma and even military training", according in the Peking press. Some schools have been closed. At least 50 people have been arrested in Kashgar.

The imam's murder came only weeks after President Jiang Zemin had agreed measures to combat the spread of Islamic fundamentalism with the leaders of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and it underlined Peking's fear of the unknown after a clutch of new, independent states flowered on its doorstep.

The news of the planned border clusure was disclosed

by a Chinese guide in Kashgar, a "wild west" border town where the Chinese and Muslims live distinct lives, the former's affairs synchronised with Peking several timezones away. The guide was clearly rattled by the idea that the Muslim Uighurs might present more of a threat than he had appreciated as we sat drinking tea only yards from where a series of brilliant

British agents kept watch on similar strategic developments in the 19th century. Today the low, pink building where the agents kept watch is a restaurant dwarfed by a garish hotel which attracts Muslim traders from Central Asia and Pakistan determined to exploit China's new, free-market opportunities. The Muslim area around the Id Kah mosque, which attracts 10,000 devotees on a Friday, is surrounded by streets nacked with tea-shops and the kind of contraband to make Western conservation-

ists blench. One shop offered a

snow leopard pelt for £160 and

hats of the same material were on the shelves. It is not hard to see why the Government is

Tough Russian women may be checking baggage with fearsome efficiency on the Kyrgyz border, but no man's land is more than 100 miles wide. It is some of the most barren terrain in the world, where it is possible to drive half a day seeing nobody except the occasional Kyrgyz herding horses.

The traffic up to the Chinese border consists largely of Kyrgyz lorries piled 10ft high with animal pelts, perfect cov-er for weapons and propaganda coming over the border from the radiculs in Afghanistan and Iran.

From here there is an uninterrupted are of Islamic nations stretching back to Islanbul that has Peking officialdom deeply fearful that it will one day result in the separation of Xinjiang, which is larger than Tibet, from the rest of China. And that is not the only parallel with Tibet: Peking has dubbed Xinjiang an autonomous region, poured in Han Chinese to ensure control, and has the Lop Nor nuclear testing base in the province. Any suggestion of autonomy is clearly a misnomer - my Chinese guide had to consult a bus driver when asked the name of the Uighur

head of government. Yet the Muslim threat to China is far from proven: Chinese Muslims are the generally less militant Sunni, as are most of their brethren to the west; their women are not heavily veiled. There is no call to prayer before dawn in Kashgar, with attendance at the mosque usually confined

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Arafat proposes US peace force for Hebron

FROM CURISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT proposed yesterday that American troops should be sent to the West Bank as part of a new peacekeeping force to protect Jewish settlers living in Hebron, thus allowing the long-delayed withdrawal of Israeli troops from the last occupied Palestin-

Western diplomatic sources said the plan put forward by the President of the Palestinian Authority was to form an international peacekeeping force

similar to that helping to keep the peace in the former Yugoslavia. They said Palestinian officials had suggested privately that British and French troops might also play a part.

Last night William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, denied a force including American troops was being considered for Hebron. "It is not under active consideration," he said in Washington before meeting Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister. Earlier, the Palestinian leader revealed that his plan for breaking the deadlock in peace negotiations had

been formally put on the table to the had insisted must be upheld to the Israelis, Last night Israel rejected the proposed peacekeeping force and accused Mr Arafat of attempting to create a "crisis when the talks are on the point of completion". Mr Arafat claimed, however, that the Hebron talks had made no progress.

David Bar-Illan, the director of Planning and Communications in the the Prime Minister's Office, said the plan to bring in soldiers from the United States and other countries was "amazing". It was in breach of the 1993

letter by the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu. The Palestinian blueprint would involve the troops patrolling a buffer zone in Hebron, regarded as holy by Muslims and Jews, to protect the 450 Jews in the centre from the 100,000 Palestinians around them.

Mr Arafat's plan was disclosed during a visit to the Palestinian selfrule city of Jericho by King Husain of Jordan, it was the first time the monarch had set foot in the West Bank since it was taken from Jordan by

Pope goes back to Vatican FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

Rome: The Pope returned to after he entered the Gemelli hospital for the removal of an inflamed appendix (Richard Owen writes).

Before leaving, he complied with a request from children in the cancer ward next to his tenth-floor papal suite to visit them. He gave rosaries to the children and their parents.

ithough doctors ordered him to rest after removing his stitches yesterday, the pontiff is expected to appear at his window above St Peter's Square today to mark the eighteenth anniversary of his election as Pope.

'Mercy killing' kit to go on Internet

'mercy killing" will soon be available on the Internet, the doctor who invented Australia's so-called death machine disclosed yesterday.

Three weeks after Dr Philip Nitschke connected Bob Dent, a cancer sufferer, to his laptop computer, the software and an instruction kit are about to make their debut on the worldwide web, "It is to let people know and give them some idea of the way this is being done in a responsible fashion in the Northern Territory," he said.
The assisted-suicide soft-

COMPUTER software used ware, which allows the termiwith lethal drugs by entering three simple computer commands, will be available for copying from Dr Nitschke's

He rejected suggestions that he might face criminal charges if a machine built from material supplied on the laternet was used in "mercy killings" outside the Northern Territory, the only place in the world where cuthanasia is

The Darwin-based doctor plans to develop a machine which uses carbon monoxide fed through a mask.

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fashion is likened to art should have attended the Comme des Garçons spring/summer 1997 presentation during Paris Fashion Week. There was no music to accompany the models, who wore the prettiest of summer dresses (wrapped and twisted about their bodies) in pink and blue gingham and pastel patterned chiffon. Nothing remarkable about

that, you might say, but then there were the humps. Yes, humps lumps and bumps. Rei Kawakubo, who designs the line, had inserted feather stuffed pillows between flesh and fabric, distorting the per-fectly formed models into bizarre Breughelesque sil-houettes. "The body and dress become one," she explains.

Paris Fashion Week is a paradox. With nearly 100 fashion shows it is possible to experience the wearable, the wacky and the downright weird. There are the immed-iately accessible clothes of designers such as Valentino and Sonia Rykiel alongside intellectual exercises by the likes of Comme des Garçons.





love clothes. Both Lang and Demeule-meester do excellent trouser suits - Lang's are stricter, with jackets featuring an inset stripe while Demeulemeester cuts a low-slung, wide trouser worn with an unstructured double-breasted jacket. Lang. also featured shift dresses with wavy hems and fluttering

good things to wear. This was

a great season for women who

Vivienne Westwood created some of the most elegant silhouettes in Paris - sinuous draped crèpe cocktail dresses, krutted suits and sleek tailoring. She also showed a long pure drop-dead chic alongside sun-dresses printed with flow ers and fruit. A peach of a

everything was designed the line, used spriggy Regency prints on flamboyant ruffled matinee jackets and high-waisted Jane - Austen dresses. Leopard-spot chiffon was united with candy coloured brocade while ultra-simple streamlined blazers in black or white were matched with understated contrast skirts with hemlines which skinmed the floor. For his own collection, Calliano mixed leather motorbiler suits with gypsy frills.

Martine Sitbon used pin-

stripe tailoring, golden knits and handkerchief hem devore velves dresses in a sexy show; while for his eponymous col-lection Karl Lagerfeld offered jersey slink suits and dresses which slid over the body. For Chanel he made candy-box clothes for his disco dally models who glided past on a conveyor belt. The outfits were as slick as the presentation. . Rykiel's show featured more than 60 models; Yves Saint

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tation. Both created utterly
Parisian chic. YSL's tunedo
was teamed with a long black
skirt and Rykiel favoured blue

A truly great designer can capture the moment with colour, fabric, shape and, most of all, imagination. He or she also instinctively recognises their own particular moment has come. This season Valentino mer fashion head on with a collection which showcased his greatest hits --lightweight frills, asymmetric cutting, jackets that were little more than lace shirts, beadwork and tailoring, softened

with lingerie looks. Narcisso. Rodriguez has made the Cerruh-label cool with his red hot designs. This to hang on your wall, in walk collection embodied fashion's turned out to be a sensational spirit -- sophisticated yet care-

bandy-there camisoles worn with softly tailored suits

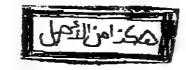
At the other end of fashion is Yohji Yamamoto whose latest show was an exhibition of pure artistry. The Japanese designer embraced colour and monochromatic. He even added humour with spoof Chaneltype, suits and a touch of romance with layers of white lace frills. The simplest of tops and trousers looked covetable, Yamamoto is one of the great masters of the craft.

I guess, after all, fashion is a bit like art. Sometimes you welcome the thought-provok-ing and other times you just want something you feel com-fortable with, something nice to hang on your wall. In water season, Paris offered both.

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The deadly result of **1gnorance**

The discoveries of science may be unpalatable — but we should still be told

few years back I Came across sume American re-.search — emanating from an academic medical centre in Illinois, I believe — which found that women who had abortions while in their late teens and early twenties seemed to be at an increased risk of breast cancer later on.

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When I raised this once publicly, I was shouled down, reprimanded for reposing too much trust in a report which was based on a lamentably small sample. This report itself never received much currency over here and I assumed my critics were correct. Even the medical establishment didn't appear to set much store by it or its findings.

I had thought, then, that the findings were at best inconclusive, at worst had been irresponsibly interpreted and that was why they were ignored: now I wonder whether they had simply been quashed. For newer studies con-

firm those earlier findings: American scientists are once again proposing that abortion does have an effect on the likelihood of a woman's developing breast cancer; but now they go further, suggesting that having an abortion increases one's chances of breast cancer by a third. What's more, they suggest that this has long since been suspected.

Even if inconclusive and all research is by its nature inconclusive — this is extremely big news, big enough to be analysed seriously. Instead, the scientists are badmouthed for even having the temerity to publish the results.

Ann Furedi, of the Birth Control Trust, does not say that, I admit, but she does say, by way of rebuke, that the risks to a woman's health from confinuing an unwanted pregnancy are from abortion

ow can she be so sure? If she WOR'T EVER CORsider these latest findings, how can she satisfy herself that there really is nothing in them?

Evidently she doesn't like the aspersions the research casts on the healthiness of legalised abortion. But how can she assume that not having an abortion may be more detrimental to women's health? If it is the case that the rise in abortions. since legalisation has been what has led to the increase in breast cancer, then we must face it.

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Access to abortion has always been granted, legally, through the argument that continuing with a preg-nancy may be bad for the health of the woman in question, so that is the reason cited in its defence. But we all know that is not the reason most women, certainly in the developed world, have abortions. I am not anti-abortion, but neither am I pro-hypocrisy.

It is not enough to say that because this latest study supports the views of the anti-abortionists, it must be ideologically motivated. Science is amoral: it has no scientific value, indeed, unless it is objective. How it is interpreted may support or denigrate any particular moral outlook, but that is a different matter.

Of course, we must not be naive: the anti-abortion movement is a huge propogandist force in America and we should scrutinise very carefully every utterance and be alert to the potential for abuse. This does not mean we must make up our minds in advance that anything which might give ammunition to the ideological enemy has to be wrong. Publishing these findings

may give concern, but is that reason to withhold information? Just because abortion is legal does not mean that it is agreeable, even without the cancer scare. Why should anyone hold that the guilt-free, misery-free abor-tion should be desirable. when it connot, surely, be

appropriate, or frankly even possible? I have written before (when exclaiming at the impertinence of the Government's refusal to inform the public about the possible dangers of certain chemi-cals in infant formula) that after the birth of my first child I was told by someone who had done research into cot death that bottle-fed bables were significantly more vulnerable to cot death than breast-fed babies. But, she told me, no one wanted to release this information officially because of the consternation

it would cause. It should be stressed that no one knows what causes cot death, but these findings must still be considered. I can see the argument for caution - we must be measured, we must resist alarmism — but we mustn't ignore or, even worse, take it upon ourselves to hide from others that which is unpleasant to consider.

And it can get a little more



Nigella Lawson

complicated. Scientists have found themselves vilified for publishing views not because their critics disagree with them per se, but because they are afraid of what will be done with them. When, recently, at a conference of geneticists, the idea of a gay gene was mooted, it caused an uproar.

he area of difficulty was not so much that a gay gene might exist, since after all, many gay men felt they benefited from a depiction of gayness that did not see it as a pyschosexual aberration but as an essential part of themselves, but that in future a homophobic element could locate and exterminate foetuses with

just such a genetic make-up. The fear is not a foolish one: science may be without moral implication but the same patently doesn't hold for its application and interpretation.

Henry James noted that (along with "the presence of money") the prerequisite for scientific inquiry was "the absence of prejudice". But unless we non-scientists want to show ourselves up as coarse-witted we have to master some absence of prejudice of our own.

formia for much of the year. The nearest town is a place of one street, three cases and an antique petrol pump that might have been painted by Norman Rockwell. It is a world away from the violence of Los Angeles, where the notorious murder of a white couple two years ago triggered a furore that has scarcely abated since. Ms Walker did takes their deaths as a person-

Her best-known book, The Color Purple, was a story of incest, misogyny and women's courage in the black American South. Since its publication 14 years ago millions have read it and millions more have seen Steven Spielberg's film adaptation. O.J. Simpson, apparently, was not among them.
"If O.J. had read it and felt

the pain and humiliation of violence from a woman's point of view; if he had had art to help him feel the woman's suffering, it would have been much harder for him to be a 'She is a

batterer." she says. 'Art absolutely works. That's one of the reasons people often hate t." Ms Walker is famous not only as a writer but also as a hugge... bisexual. tmand avid communicator with the

But it would be a mistake to underestimate her seriousness. I had half expected to be swept up in some wild pagan embrace by way of a greeting. Instead she did what, on reflection, you might expect a Pulitzer Prizewinning icon of feminism to do with yet another interview-

er. She shook hands gravely.

Dressed in comfortable writing clothes and thick socks forced into flip-flops, she led the way through a low-rise wooden house to a broad halcony overlooking the vineyards of Anderson Valley. The Color Purple, she says, be-came a thing around which people could organise against wife-beating, incest, sexism, a whole range of things." The trouble was that not everyone

like O.J. Simpson, read the book, saw the film and condemned them as degrading of their race and gender. It did not help that the film's director was Jewish and - in the pre-Schindler's List eta -- synonymous with film-making at its

Meanwhile, she was cooms simultaneously with her moth er's death, being betrayed by her lover, and a debilitating three-year illness. What should have been a triumphant time in her career turned into an ordeal that drained her of the energy to answer her critics.

Ten years on she has recovered enough to bare her soul in a new book, The Same River Twice: Honoring The Difficult. it is a sketchy account of the classic novelist's trauma of surrendering to Hollywood, a risk she took mainly to bring her book to blacks who had not or could not

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read it. As a creative endeavour it is thin. It consists of her tunused) screenplay for The Color Purple and a collection of diary entries from her time on the set, followed by articles written by others about the film and letters written to her in the turnult after its

But creativity was not the point. "Before anything else it's a record," she says. "And people of colour in this culture have to keep their own records, because there is a history of distortion of how it really was."

She insists she has nothing

against black men even though one of them. her exlover Robert Allen, admitted having an affair just when her need for emotional support was at a peak. She also points out that she agreed to work with a Jewish, male, director mainly because he was the only one who wanted to film her book.

Spielberg was "green and supple", she says. Meaning naive? She denies it, but reveals him more than once as unaware of the insults American culture doles out unconsciously to blacks.

For example, he was looking for ways to include her in the film and suggested she appear holding his newborn son, Max. She declined without saying why. But three years later she wrote Spielberg a letter, that appears in the book, explaining that his suggestion had smacked of racial stereotyping and upset her

deepty. Neither does she shrink from more pernickety kinds of record-keeping. She regrets not having made as much money from the film as she expected and criticises the studio's accounting methods.

There is something of the fortress about this hilltop retreat. Behind a hefty wooden gate it provides a redoubt in the battles for her many causes. She has planted her 40

irresistibly attracted to each Before it turned nasty, the kind of relationship O.J. Simp-

you, you have to make laws to teep them senarate, and that is what was done."

She speaks from experience.

group of people to work for

and they were the state's only inter-racial couple. They suffered taunts, stares and unendurable stress. Asked why they divorced seven years later, she replies with one word:

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2,000,000,001: a space odyssey - or is it Just another tall story?

ow time, if Einstein's shade will forgive me, flies! It seems like only yesterday that you and I were waving goodbye to that nice young couple as they set off for the stars on Pioneer 10, yet here we are, about to celebrate the silver jubilee of that fond farewell. Yes, they have been out there, going like the clappers, for a quarter of a century, and should now, on Nasa's best estimate, be around one billion miles from home. miles from home.

And, in that same time, how much further have those they left behind got? Just one inch: for that, we learnt this week, was the increase in height achieved by the average man since 1971. Paltry? Of itself, perhaps, but set height these billions like. set beside those billion miles, incalculably significant.

For the couple on Pioneer 10 were precisely that. They were not in Pioneer 10, as a real live couple might have been. They were flank of it. A young, white, naked couple, of average height and build, waving and smiling to show they came in friendliness and peace, etched by Nasa so that the putative inhabitants of wherever Mr and Mrs Man finally fetched up would know just what Earthlings looked like. When that might be was, of course, anybody's guess, and here let me quote from the contempo-rary report in The Times: "Scientists estimate Pioneer's shortest possible lifetime at two billion years, though moving through frictionless space, where the chance of collision with another body is so remote as to be beyond imagination. Pioneer 10 could continue its journey to infinity." Well, The Times itself has come on a bit since 1971, and I am here to tell you that that collision is not beyond imagination at all, which is why I am prepared to conjoin this week's two coincidental statistics, the billion miles and the inch, throw infinity into the mix, and have a bit of a think about it.

Look at the snapshot atop this column. Does it depict an amoeba? A mollusc, even? No, it does not; but it would have done, once. And not so long ago. either: hardly more than a few million years back. I should have been a pair of ragged claws, scuttling across the floors of silent seas. The snapshot shows only that I have evolved a bit; and now that you have been reminded where I came from, you will twig where my argument is going.

Torget infinity: let us hop forward a mere million years, to the point where Pioneer 10 has at last collided with alien clever dicks on the far side of whatever the near side might be. They are gazing at the 1971 picture of Mr and Mrs Man. But, given what Earthlings would have looked like a million years ago, do you have any notion of what we might look like a million years hence? You do if you have a pocket calculator able to work in terms of 25 years to the inch. Oh, I can't of course swear that in AD 1.001,996 we shall all be 2.500ft tall, some of us might be no bigger than the Eiffel lower, but the image of Mr and Mrs Man is still going to be extremely misleading to the gawping things gathered around the wreck of Pioneer 10 — even if matters haven't been further complicated by such military contretemps as might take place over the next billennium, leaving the handful of enucleated survivors to mutate into polka-dotted gastropods with 17 heads and a talking navel.

Though I shall not, thank God, be there to see it, I fear for the possible outcome of all this. Suppose the things from Planet X not only so like what they see on the side of Pioneer 10 but are also so technologically advanced as to be able to do something about it, and decide therefore to hop/crawl/ bounce/drip or whatever they do into their own spacecraft and embark on the long trip Earthwards. An aeon or so later, they will frenziedly chuck open the hatch and hurl themselves onto the surface of this planet, shouting: "Never mind taking us to your leader, we have been crossing infinity for what seems like infinity, we are only flesh and blood, where is that woman with the big jugs and the terrific hips, where is that bloke

with the rippling pecs and the perfect teeth?" What, when the visitors discover the truth, will then happen to the luckless skyscraping grotesques who will by then have inherited the Earth, I dare not even begin to imagine.



A better class of waffle

publicist advises a politician in trouble always to be photographed embracing his wife. If deep trouble he should include his children. But however deep his trouble, he should never risk a speech on the sanctity of the family. You never know what skeleton may leap from the cupboard and dance down Fleet Street. The wise statesman renders unto Government the things that are Government's, and leave to Home the things that are Home's,

Tony Blair may be in no trouble at all. His wife and children may be safely under lock and key. The Shadow Cabinet may have been vetted by Mandelson's Taleban, and declared white as driven snow. But what is this speech in South Africa on Monday about morality, the family and the Decent Society? A plump hostage has surely been dropped in Mother For-

Despite being invited to speak on foreign policy. Mr Blair oddly chose Cape Town to launch the family as a British election issue. According to the spin, he was responding to John Major's attack on his upbringing at the Tory conference last week. Mr Blair wants to portray the Tories as the immoral party and the Eighties as the guilty decade, an era of greed, selfishness, badly behaved children and Thatcherism.

Labour wishes to revive a decent working-class society in which "parents did their duty". A new sense of parental responsibility would ease the burden of the welfare state. Mr Blair plans homeschool contracts in which parents "are told what is expected of them": reading to their children, helping them to perform better, getting them to school on time. Under Labour, parents must know where their children are and what they are doing. There will be a curfew. This is part of what Mr Blair called a new social and moral code, "not of prejudice but of rules, of order, of stability".

Mr Blair is nothing if not cunning. He wants to pin blame for society's ills on the Tories. He implies that politics over the past decade has contributed to its perceived moral decline, and that politics in the shape of new Labour can put it right. Yet he also had to cover his libertarian flank. He was not being "hypocritical about sex, or about a woman's place being in the kitchen, or homophobic or preaching to people about their private lives". His office later acknowledged that his much-lauded

Politicians such as Tony Blair are always

without being baked into a moral rabbit pie

saving the family — but we will survive

"family unit" includes single parents and homosexual couples. Thus the Tories are to blame for moral decay, but rectifying it will lie as much with "the family unit" as with new Labour.

Politicians parroting bromides about the moral decline of society do so at some peril. There was no Golden Age of the family. Mr Blair should read the usual texts: Laslett, Levi-Strauss, Mount. Longer life, declining family size, more women working, more job mobility cannot simply be disregarded — unless politics wants to be dismissed as dumb. Mr Blair promises to make the strengthening of family and community life a "central objective of a

Labour government". Every Whitehall department will be required to "ensure that policies nurture these values". how? To pretend that the present Cabinet has been neglectful of family policy is absurd. Nowhere does Mr Blair show his inexperience so much as in vague assertions about administra-

tors "nurturing values". There are only two options to draw from this bizarre turn of events. Either Mr Blair's speech was mere electoral Muzak, "feel-good" phraseology devoid of content. In that case we can only regret that the citizens of Cape Town were deprived of Mr Bair's more detailed thoughts on world affairs. Alternatively, Mr Blair somehow means what he says. He really does have a political programme, as yet undivulged, for the "traditional family unit".

Labour has just spent a painful decade disentangling itself from its historic commitment to "public ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". It has accepted the liberalism of the market economy and government deregulation. Government cannot take decisions for private business. Ministers should not second-guess the market. Whatever socialism is about, it is no longer about a distinctive approach to the planning of a capitalist economy. Thus bereft, Mr Blair's lurch into family values seems like ideology on the rebound. Nor is this the first rebound. Two years ago, he redefined "social-ism" as a version of the popular American concept, communitarianism. This in-volved granting local communities and their institutions more power at the expense of business and central government. I thought this a genuinely creative line for new Labour to pursue. It built on the party's traditional concern for poor neighbourhoods, and offered a local basis for equity in combating need.

New Labour is stalling on communitarianism. I still have no idea how the Shadow Cabinet proposes to empower communities, politically, legally or fiscally. Nervous of its record in local government. Labour is hesitant of such empowerment. Nervous of the Treasury, it is hesitant of any move

towards redistributive community taxation. Instead, Mr Blair has plumped for "family policy" to guide Britain into the new millennium. Economic nationalisation did not work. Mr Blair turns his gaze on the nation's domestic life and finds it awash in moral turpitude. He will "nationalise" that instead. Such. nationalisation should not place undue

strain on the Exchequer. Mr Blair is always refreshing in debate, so let us press him further. He equates family and community. Philosophers normally link family with the individual. The family as an institution sits over against the "community". Families are by their nature Darwinian units striving for survival in competition with others. Their nature is to resist collective egalitarian pressure. If Labour wants to place the family on an ideological pedestal, Mr Blair must resolve this paradox, and do so other than by merely pleading in aid Halsey's meaningless epigram, "Socialism is collective individualism". The Tories are

having enough trouble equating paren-tal choice with selective entry to grammar schools. If Mr Blair wants to give "the family" primacy in access to schools, hospitals and public housing, he has a tough job on his hands. South African speeches are easy. Queen's Speeches are hard.

I assume what he means in practice is more laws, more intervention and less individual liberty. Mr Blair says he has no desire to interfere in people's personal lives. In that case, what is this new "moral and social code" that he believes should be shaping our society, as against the one in operation now? I am told the present Government is creating a new offence every week. Labour's proposed interventions — against school. truants, late children's parties, parents' who fall their prep, noisy neighbours will make the present regime seem like Liberty Hall. Mr Blair will say that he is just "suggesting". An army of inspectors are now imposing similar suggestions from successive Tory education, health and social security ministers.

I I wish for advice on how to conduct my marriage or bring up my child I will not ask a politician. into social and moral decline fand feels the need to warn South Africans rather than Britons about it) he should be more specific. He should be more specific both about the decline and about his cure Peter Rabbit and his mother survived Mr MacGregor's vegetable garden without a lecture from new Labour on the need for a curiew and parental control. Somehow the Blair family survived the Eighties without being baked into a moral rabbit pie.

Mr Blair used to be an eminently practical speaker. His party conference hinted at a new and alarming millenarianism. A magnetic force appears to be drawing him away from the dispatch box and towards the Mount of Olives. "Let us not delude ourselves," suddenly cries, "that we can build a society fit for our children to grow up in, without making a moral judgment about the nature of that society." Really? Who is We? What does he mean by Fit for our children? And what, to a politician, is a Moral Judgment about the nature of society? This may be a better class of waffle than Neil Kinnock's. But it is still waffle. Leave Home alone, Mr Blair. Just cut the public sector borrowing requirement.

Nothing to lose but new chains Jonathan Mirsky

remembers Peking's

political prisoners

This has been a busy week for Peking's jailers. Cell doors are swinging open and banging shut. Out this week came Yao Wenyuan, one of the two surviving members of the Gang of Four. In went Liu Xiaobo, who has been there before for saying and writing too much. In jail already, and likely to stay in much longer, is Wang: Dan, once China's most wanted criminal, who suffers from Liu's disability... but in a more severe form. But Wang Xizhe, a fellow talker and writer of Liu Xiaobo's, who has been in and out of prison since 1974, slipped out of the net over the weekend and is now in Hong Kong I once spent an evening each with Mr Yao and Mr Liu, but have only

admired Wang Dan from afar.

Before be suddenly became one of Mao's favourite authors, for one work only. Mr Yao, now 64, was a party writer in Shanghai churning out horta-tory essays. But in 1965 he wrote a newspaper feature criticising a play by Wu-Han, the deputy mayor of Peking. That article was the opening shot in the Cultural Revolution, which was to last: until 1976. Wu Han's play was an allegory about a 17th-century mandarin who dared to chide the Emperor, it was really about Marshal Peng Dehuai, who in 1959 had told Mao that his economic policies were causing millions to starve, and was purged. Yao's essay, which Mao sub-edited three times, led to the death of Wu and his immediate family and the jailing torture and killing of many other high-ranking party mem-bers whom Mao deemed to be Wu's coconspirators and therefore traitors.

Yao had been brought to Mao's attention by Jiang Qing, his wife. Together with two other sycophants, Zhang Chunqiao and Wang Hongwen, they formed what immediately after Mao's death in 1976 was called the Gang of Four. At their trial they were accused of aimost single-handedly causing mil-lions to suffer: this made it unnecessary to inquire why millions more enthusiastically collaborated. Yao neceived the lightest sentence, 20 years, which expired this week. Madame Mao hanged herself in her cell in 1991, Wang died of cancer, and Zhang Chunqiao remains behind bars. I sat next to Mr Yao late one night in 1972 while interviewing Chou En lai. He never took off his blue cap, squirted whipped cream from an eciair all over himself, and continually interrupted and joked with the Premier. Seventeen years later, in the spring of 1989, two nights before the Tiananmen killings. I sat in a small Peking flat, thick

with tobacco smoke, and helped Liu Xiaobo, now 37, a university lecturer and three of his friends, including Hou Defian, China's most popular singer, to translate into English an explanation of why they were on hunger strike to support the demonstrations. Mr Liu subsequently spent 19 months in Pe kings notorious Qincheng prison. In 1995 he was redetained without charge for seven months after signing human rights petitions with other intellectuals. Last week Mr Liu and Wang Xizhe, another implacable dissident, published a pention calling for press freedom,

government action against Japan which occupies disputed islands in the East China Sea, and talks with the Dalai Lama. They also suggested the impeachment of President Jiang Zemin. On Tuesday Mr Liu was taken from his home by security men and within 24 hours his wife learnt he had been sentenced to three years' "education through labour", a penalty the police can impose without trial.

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doubt whether this will crush Mr Liu; I can still see him, the young university lecturer, racing from group to group in late April 1989 during the early days in Tiananmen Square, scolding the students for not standing up for their political rights. And I recall his words in the speech he was composing in that smoke-filled room on the night of June 1: "We want to tell the people that what the Government calls a small group of troublemakers is actually the

entire Chinese nation."

Wang Dan may be only 27, but in the Chinese State's eyes he is a deep-dyed counter-revolutionary. He disappeared in Peking 18 months ago, not long before the anniversary of Tiananmen, where he had been easily the most impressive figure. When he went on the run after the killings, he was number one on China's list of 20 most wanted fugitives. He served almost four years in Qincheng, and after his release was endlessly harried and detained. In December 1994 Wang Dan did the unheard of: he brought a suit against the police for violating his human rights

and appealed to the UN. Mr Wang came to public attention in 1989, when he was a freshman at the elite Peking University where his father taught. That spring he organised in salors where tiberal intellectuals spoke informally to students. In early April, just before the demonstrations began, he pasted on the university's central bulletin board a 56-signature poster which noted that 200 years after the French Revolution, China was still not free: He edited a magazine which was closed after exactly one edition: it had criticised Deng Xiaoping.

A very cool slender youth in a zippedup jacket. Mr Wang spoke quietly in
Tianaimen Square to hushed crowds,
and in a late night meeting on May 15
with the Prime Minister, Li Peng, in the Great Hall of the People, seen live on television all over China, he said little except to tell Mr Li, who would soon order in the tanks, that "99.9 per cent" of "Burnster" trousers, taking Tiananmen. I imagine that in his mind the plumber onto the catwalk he remains in that square.

Brushed off

TWO LEADING art historians are headed for the libel court after one of them. a cataloguer of the Queen's art collection, described the other as "an ignorant" and "rather presumptuous".

Professor James Beck, a veteran of the art history department at New York's Columbia University, has issued a writ against his opposite number at Harvard, Professor John Shearman. The two men have had a longstanding disagreement about art restoration methods and their latest dispute concerns proposed work on the Scrovegni Chapel frescoes by Giotto in Padua. The case will take place in Italy.

Beck, who chairs the international pressure group ArtWatch, has called for the work to be delayed until it has been further discussed. Shearman, a Brit formerly at the Courtauld Institute, wants the work to proceed. And he sought to warn Paduans against Beck in a leaked letter to the local

council. I hope that you will understand that James Beck is a rather presumptuous person and, as an ignorant... he has little authority." wrote Shearman. Sir Ernst Combrich, the art critic, has

signed a petition supporting Beck's stance on the frescoes. But Shearman, for whom the term "dry as an unbuttered biscuit" might have been invented, groans at the mention of his adversary: "I never wanted to stir up controver-

Over at the glossy magazine emporium Conde Nast, there is chaos in the offices of its latest



"It could be your maternity bra . . . "

magazine GQ Active. The editor, Francis Cotton. has resigned just days after getting his feet under the desk. We find it rather strange," admits a spokeswoman through gritted, out perfect, teeth.

Squeaking

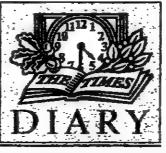
AMONG THE sleek and pampered guests at the Savoy Hotel in London is one who does not pay any bills. A fearless mouse has been spotted in the Thames Foyer, scampering around the gazebo. The hotel has just undergone extensive refurbishment and redecoration but the mouse survived the

upheaval. This is a brave mouse," says the unflappable lady who spotted it recently. "It sauntered about in the middle of the room, enjoying the attention." The hotel is investigating.

The Pango

THEY TALK only of ballroom dancing at the Governor's residence in Hong Kong, Chris Patten is being encouraged to take up the sport in order to woo Chinese sup-port before the handover in 1997. Dancing is the colony's latest craze.

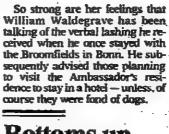
Society functions are no longer complete without a frenzied dis-



play and contenders for the post of Chief Executive after the English leave have been practising their steps. One candidate, Peter Woo, a frightfully rich businessman, so dazzled diners at a recent function that he received a standing ovation. "Chris Patten has been forced into taking a few turns after dinner." one social observer says. "He needs lessons - Angela Rippon should steady herself for a call."

Doggerel

LATEST to face the teeth of the quarantine laws is Lady Broomfield, wife of Sir Nigel Broomfield, British Ambassador in Bonn. She says she would rather put down Katie, her 13½-year-old English springer spaniel, than see her endure kennels for six months when the family returns to Britain in

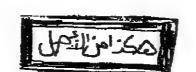


Bottoms up

STANDING aloof from the celebrations for Alexander McQueen's elevation to chief designer at Givenchy are his former employers, the Savile Row tailors Anderson & Sheppard. He was only here for a couple of months," said a manager at the shop: "No one remembers him."

Gieves & Hawkes, McQueen's next employers, were more generous. "He is remembered for being extremely enthusiastic and consci-entious, Robert Gieves says. The nation's plumbers and builders, whose trademark is the "cleavage" trouser line known as builders bottom, side with Gieves & Hawkes rather than with the sour faces at Anderson & Sheppard. It was McQueen who took them into the realm of haute countre with his brow-moppingly chic "burnster"





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CAN'T JOIN, WON'T JOIN

Politicians should accept that Britain is ineligible for EMU

The moment of truth on Britain's membership of the European monetary union is approaching and the real decision may be made sooner than either John Major or Tony Blair expects. Regardless of the many arguments that can be made for and against the single currency, there are two practical reasons why Britain will soon have to rule itself out as a founder-member of EMU.

The first reason was given over the weekend by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister. Membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism for two years is "an absolute precondition" for any country that wants to join the single currency, he said. Since there is not the slightest chance of sterling re-entering the ERM before the general election. Britain will be disqualified from EMU membership in January 1999. Kenneth Clarke has loudly rejected this interpretation of the Maastricht treaty, but his protests have fallen on deaf ears in Europe, and rightly so.

Mr Clarke's interpretation is completely inconsistent with the language of the treaty. This is the treaty which the Chancellor once famously boasted about never having bothered to read. For Mr Clarke's benefit, the relevant passage states: "The criterion on participation in the exchange-rate mechanism shall mean that a Member State has respected the normal fluctuation margins provided for by the exchange-rate mechanism for at least two years before the examination (on which countries are eligible for the single currency). In particular, the Member State shall not have devalued its currency's bilateral central rate against any other Member State's currency on its own initiative for the same period." Since a country like Britain that is outside the ERM does not have a "bilateral central rate", such a country cannot fulfil this criterion.

The European Council could, of course, Emply ignore this provision of the treaty and let Britain in. But such blatant contempt for the treaty would virtually guarantee an appeal by opponents of EMU to Germany's Constitutional Court. It is hard to see why European leaders would want to jeopardise the entire EMU project in this way.

But even if Germany and the others were unexpectedly to give way on the question of ERM membership, another even more daunting practical obstacle to British membership of EMU has now arisen. This is revealed by the story on our front page today from Charles Bremner, our Brussels correspondent. The European Commission, under strong German pressure, has put forward a "stability pact" which would have to be accepted by all members of EMU. This pact would allow the European Council, by majority vote, to levy enormous fines on the taxpayers of any country whose policies it deemed to be unsound. These fines would, in Britain's case, be equivalent to an additional three pence on the standard rate of tax. That such an infringement on Britain's fiscal sovereignty could be whipped through any British Parliament likely to be formed after the next general election beggars belief.

As the practical details of the single currency become clearer, the entire project is moving further from the realm of practical politics, at least in Britain. Diplomatic reasons for maintaining ambiguity may remain; any chance of helping to prevent EMU happening at all needs to be considered. But, in domestic British terms, the increasingly obvious impracticality of putting Britain into EMU presents politicians with an opportunity. Without splitting their parties or pandering to anti-European sentiment, it is now possible for both Mr Major and Mr Blair quite simply to rule out EMU membership in 1999 as a practical option, as Denmark has done already and Sweden may do soon. Whichever party first decides to do this will deserve plaudits for common sense and honesty with the voters, as well as for its political skills.

UNDER THE LASH

The Commons must rethink its practices

There could be no surer sign of how blurred the principles of Parliament have become than that David Willetts is blamed by his colleagues more for having written down a conversation with a committee chairman than for having overstepped the mark in the first place. Yesterday the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, paved the way for the matter to be referred to the Standards and Privileges Committee. When MPs debate the motion today, they should try to shake off their cynical cast of mind and see themselves through the eyes of the outside world.

The charge against Mr Willetts is that, as a government whip in 1994, he tried to exert undue pressure upon the chairman of the Members' Interests Committee to minimise criticism of Neil Hamilton. In a handwritten memo reporting the conversation, he recorded that there were two options: the committee could either deem the case to be sub judice, or it could "exploit" its Tory majority to protect Mr Hamilton.

This may be how business is routinely conducted in the Whips' Office. But it is not how business ought to be conducted. For other MPs to claim that Mr Willetts's only crime was to commit the conversation to paper - in other words, to be caught shows how deep the vein of cynicism runs. Prima facie, Mr Willetts's real crime was to breach the Chinese wall that is supposed to separate the executive from the legislature.

A whip's job is to ensure that government business is passed through the House. It is perfectly proper for whips to exert pressure upon MPs to vote according to their party's manifesto rather than their consciences. It is not proper for whips to ask committees to put naked party interest before the interest of Parliament. If Mr Willetts did do this, he is culpable of lowering the esteem in which

politicians of all parties are now held. Mr Willetts's friends will doubtless argue that these practices are widespread and have always been so. This is not persuasive: the power of the executive relative to Parliament has increased hugely in recent decades. MPs should in any case be wary of confusing practice with principle. If such has been the practice, it ought to be stopped.

The House of Commons now resembles the City of London in the mid-1980s. All sorts of dubious practices, such as insider dealing, were tacitly tolerated in the Square Mile until they were made illegal. In order to prevent traders exploiting the knowledge of corporate financiers, Chinese walls were set up, with compliance officers to enforce them. That was the only way in which selfregulation could work. If Parliament wants to continue to regulate itself, it could learn a lesson from the self-denying ordinance that

is now practised in banks. Moreover, it must be seen to regulate itself justly and openly. To that end, the Standards and Privileges Committee should set up a sub-committee to investigate in open session all the allegations surrounding Mr Hamilton, and ask the Commons to give it the powers to take evidence on oath and allow legal representation. This could easily be done by a simple vote on the floor to amend the committee's standing orders. It would be in line with how the Nolan committee

envisaged such inquiries being conducted. Parliament should remember that its new procedures are on probation. The Nolan committee will revisit them next year to examine how well they have worked. The spotlight shining upon the Commons over the next few months will be fierce. In the interests of all politicians' reputations, it is important that they do not flinch in the glare.

SECOND CHANCE

Saddam must be kept out of the new Kurdish conflict

International politics rarely permits second chances. When it does they must not be ignored. The unexpected revival of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), evident in its recapture of Sulaimaniya and advances on Degala and Koi Sanjaq, suggests that the strategic advantage grasped by Saddam Hussein through his alliance of convenience with the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) might prove tenuous.

The extent of the PUK recovery is uncertain. The claim that it might move on Arbil, the city whose fall triggered the last crisis involving Baghdad and Washington, looks ambitious at present. Jalal Talabani, its leader, has been circumspect about his intentions. The deal with Iraq struck by Massoud Barzani and the KDP should not seduce the Allies into taking sides in the Kurdish fratricide. The potential power of Iran over the PUK is as challenging to the West as Saddam's courting of the KDP. The United States has rightly urged a ceasefire and offered the offices of the State Department for renewed negotiations. The true ir rests of Iraqi Kurds would be served by unity within their own ranks. Internal

rancour best serves Saddam Hussein. Whether or not such discussions can be brokered, one matter must be absolutely clear. Iraq cannot again be permitted to use its forces to change the course of Kurdish affairs. When 40,000 troops and 450 tanks crossed the 36th parallel and then entered Arbil in August, the Clinton Administration claimed that they had evaded US detection. That statement was either a shocking indictment of American Intelligence or masked an equally disturbing reluctance to take political risks resisting Saddam.

The White House then responded by launching 44 missiles against southern Iraq and extending the no-fly zone up to the 33rd parallel. This move had considerable military virtue, but the abandonment of northern Iraq led most observers, to conclude that Saddam had emerged stronger from the overall exchange.

On this occasion there can be no doubt that Saddam has both the willingness and the weaponry in the region to take further part in this conflict. Were he to do so and push back the PUK a second time, it would be a humiliation for the United States and its allies. Washington must make it transparent that any second intervention would trigger a telling military response aimed directly at Iraq's forces entrenched outside Arbil. It should be backed by other nations. Better still, those troops should move immediately to positions below the 36th parallel. As Saddam observes his manocuvre in the north unravelling, he could, with one eye on the American electoral calendar, consider it worthwhile taking on the West once more. He should be disabused of any such notion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

in Bosnia elections

From Sir Kenneth Scott

Sir, Sir Terence Clark fletter, October 9) is right in pointing out that the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) did not use the words "free and fair" in their certification of the elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina. But his assertion that none of the conditions specified in the Dayton peace agreement existed "to even the minimum acceptable degree" ignores the following facts:

tion Commission, which I chaired during most of the preparations for the elections, ensured that the elections were conducted in an orderly and technically correct way. They passed off virtually without violence, contrary to widespread predictions. 2. A large number of upposition parties took part in the elections. They re-

1. The multi-ethnic Provisional Elec-

ceived substantial financial help from OSCE for their campaigns, had access to state-controlled as well as independent media to put their message to the electorate, were able to hold political meetings and rallies with very little disruption or interference during the two months of campaigning, and won a total of 57 out of the 265 seats in the three parliamentary assemblies.

3. The Election Appeals Sub-Commission, consisting of Muslim, Croat and Serb judges with a Norwegian chairman, imposed a number of penalties for breaches of the electoral rules (mostly by the three ruling parties). These included fines, disqualification of candidates and dismissal of corrupt election officials. 4. None of the parties has seriously

challenged the results.

The high turnout of voters (however one estimates the size of the electorate, which nobody knows precisely), and the relative success of the opposition in making inroads into the monopoly of power, demonstrated that the people of Bosnia wanted the elections to be held and had faith in OSCE's assurance of the secrecy of the ballot: and the overwhelming verdict of international observers was that the elections had passed off as well as could have been expected in the circum-

It is easy to say that the elections were not "free and fair" in the generally accepted meaning of those words. But they represented a small but important step in the gradual process of democratisation, and all those who have the genuine interests of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina at

Yours faithfully, KENNETH SCOTT (Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, January - October, 1996), 13 Clinton Road, Edinburgh. October 10.

From Sir John Weston, Permanent Representative, United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations

Sir, I am surprised that my former colleague Sir Terence Clark is "amazed" (letter, October 9).

The Security Council was informed in writing on September 29 by Carl Bildt of OSCE "certification" of the election results in Bosnia. In his letter to the UN Secretary-General Mr Bildt said that "conditions have been met for decisions envisaged in paragraph 4 of the Security Council Resolution 1022 to be taken"—ie, the holding of "free and fair elections".

Of course none of us should pretend that the elections in Bosnia were comparable to elections in Bootle or Boston or Berlin. But they tested the political wish of the Bosnian people, and by any reasonable standard were a success. That being so, the Security Council had no alternative, and its decision was unanimous.

JOHN WESTON, UK Mission to the United Nations. 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 2nd Avenue, New York 10017. October 14.

Drainpipe appeal From Mr Edmund A. Booth

Sir, It may seem rather trivial to make a planning fuss over a £3 length of pipe; but cost is not the issue at stake in the case of the appeal to be held over a plastic drainpipe at Binderton House, West Sussex, the Grade II listed former home of Anthony Eden (report, October 10).

As the American Bill Bryson comments in his current bestseller on the casual treatment of our sensitive environment, Notes from a Small

It's easy to believe that you can take away chunks of it and that there will still be plenty left. In fact, the country is being nibbled to death. We owe a lot to our conservation officers for their efforts in protecting

us from the "nibblers"; but it seems to take a visitor from overseas to remind us of this. Yours faithfully. EDMUND A. BOOTH.

16 Grange Road.

Lewes, East Sussex.

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'Free and fair' vote Keeping Britain free of rabies

From Mr Adam Sutcliffe

Sir. If quarantine "has been undeniably effective" in keeping rabies out of the UK (leading article, October 14) where is the causal link between the imprisonment of domestic animals for six months and our freedom from rabies? The tragedy is that there is

The number of domestic animals entering the UK from EU countries which have developed rabies in quarantine over the last 20 years is nil (letters, October 3). So if all those animals had been released straight into the country without quarantine the difference to our rabies-free status would have been none whatsoever.

is this a demonstrably effective justification for maintaining our current quarantine laws? If so, then I can claim that the regular mowing of my lawn over the past 20 years has done the job just as well.

Yours truly, ADAM SUTCLIFFE. 33 Prospect Road, Child's Hill, NW2.

From Mr Roger W. Baker

Sir, The present six-month quarantine regulation has a statistical probability of detecting rabies of 88 per cent, thus permitting 12 per cent of quarantined animals to be released, having served their time in kennels, into the UK with undetected rabies.

The same percentage failure can be obtained from two approaches. Firstly, during the last 62 years 28 cases of rabies have been confirmed in animals entering the UK, although none since 1970. Of these, 25 individual animals developed clinical signs during the six-month quarantine period. the remaining three did not.

Secondly, the statistical probability of a rabid animal showing clinical signs within a six-month period is 88 per cent. In the 20th century a policy with a 12 per cent known failure rate is

Within the EU there is no dog rabies, only fox rabies which is a different genotype. The genotype of rabies, be it fox rabies, dog rabies or

raccion rabies, is specific to a particular primary host. There has never been a recorded case of other than a primary host either introducing rabies into a previously unaffected area or of passing the disease to another animal.

Vaccination alone provides an improved protection for the UK, and vaccination and subsequent blood testing - to demonstrate that the individual animal concerned has satisfactorily responded to the vaccination (under WHO guidelines) - provide safe-guards that are significantly greater than quarantine alone.

Yours faithfully ROGER W. BAKER (Veterinary surgeon). 156 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, Kent.

From Mr P. J. Ilias

be it man or beast.

Sir, How unfortunate that the news about possible changes in the British quarantine legislation should include what I regard as tendentious com-

Advocates for change are not just diplomats or soldiers "who are thinking of their own convenience" as you say in your leading article. Neither are they only "rich people who, say, have holiday homes in France and would like to take their dogs back and forth? as suggested by a quarantine kennel owner (reports, October 14).

Outraged comments by diplomats and soldiers just attract more publicity and as a consequence find their way into newspapers.

I experienced this obnoxious law first-hand when my dog was locked up for six months and barely survived. 1 am neither a diplomat nor a soldier, but would very much like to take my dog when we go on holiday to the Continent.

The passport for pets policy works perfectly well in Sweden. The only issue is a loss of income for quarantine kennel owners.

PETER J. ILIAS, 5 Rutland House, Marloes Road, W8. October 14.

tance journeys and local roads requir-

ing low-speed traffic in populated areas. Perhaps the former should be

treated as any other utility and their

Since the user of such a utility would

have to pay extra for better roads or

the £24 billion already paid in road

taxation), the problem becomes one of

phasing in a payment system until electronic road charging for individ-

ual vehicles can be introduced. The

alternatives include an additional, but

separate, fuel charge and a separate

Road congestion must be prevented

management privatised.

Transport policy

From Professor Keith B. Madelin

Sir, I support Robert Napier's call for more investment in transport (letter, October 8), but it is now unrealistic to expect this to come from public expenditure. No matter how justified the need, the real politics of both the Conservative and Labour parties will give higher priority to education,

health and social welfare. British Rail has now been privatised, so its future investment will depend more upon the needs of the customer than on public subsidies. This leaves roads as the main form of transport remaining in the public

If new means of investment are to be found then new forms of management

I suggest the management of the present road network should be separated into roads required for the movement of goods and longer dis-

from polluting our environment and impoverishing our economic and social wellbeing. A more radical solution is now required.

road-fund licence.

Yours faithfully. KEITH MADELIN. University of Birmingham, School of Civil Engineering Edgbaston, Birmingham BIS 2TT.

Young Conservatives From Mr J. O. Holroyd-Doveton

Sir, In your obituary of Lord Finsberg (October 10) you say that Lord Walker and Sir William van Straubenzee are now the only political figures "who can trace their political careers back to the beginnings of the Young Conservarive movement". This is incorrect.

Sir Anthony Nutting, a minister who resigned because he disagreed with the Government's policy over Suez, was the first chairman of the Young Conservatives, from 1946-47 (the only YC national chairman to be an MP at the same time).

For the next two years the YC chairman was John Hay, now living in Canada.

He was MP for Henley from 1950-74 and also served as a minister. He first became prominent at the 1946 Conservative Party conference when he proposed that the party's annual report be referred back because no debate had been included in the agenda on policy.

Yours faithfully. JOHN HOLROYD-DOVETON (Author, Young Conservatives, A History of the Young Conservative Movement, Pentland Press, 1996), Woodlands, Trusham, Nr Chudleigh, Devon. October 14.

Art of illusion?

From Mr S. R. Walters

Sir, You print today a "poem" by Jenny Joseph which has been voted the nation's favourite.

It does not rhyme and it does not scan. It is simply an engaging piece of prose with broken lines. By what stretch of meaning can it be called Is it perhaps on a par with John

It is what it is called because enough people can be deluded into thinking so. It's all very rum, and very sad.

Cage's "music" and Damien Hirst's

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WALTERS. Gordon Hills, Spout Lane, Little Comard, Sudbury, Suffolk.

From the Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College

University autonomy

Sir. Universities have emerged bruised and battered from the past 15 years or so. Respect for academic freedom and institutional autonomy has not been a prominent characteris-

tic of our treatment. The Opposition now seems to be evincing similar contempt and arrogance. First, we learn that a Labour government would not permit any institution to benefit from the imposition of top-up fees, despite their gal right to do so (report, The Times Higher Education Supplement. Octo-ber 4k; secondly, Oxford and Cambridge are somehow to be coerced into modifying their admissions practices (report, October 7; letter, October 12). although sovereignty in regard to the selection and admission of students has always been regarded as one of

the hallmarks of a free university. Those who had entertained hopes that a change of government would after the universities some relief from the improper interference and intervention of recent years may be gravely disappointed.

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM ZELLICK, Principal. Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, El 4NS.

Dance and drama

From Mr Michael Sparks

Sir, Mrs Bottomley's proposed Department for Education funding, topped up with lottery cash, for dance and drama training appears still to depend on a local authority discretidnary award contribution (report.

October 14). Her gesture will been seen as pointless by many young people in inner-city areas where local authorities have no discretionary award budgets at all.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SPARKS (Clerk to the Governors). Sir John Cass's Educational Foundation, 31 Jewry Street, EC3. October 14.

BBC. Church and homosexuality From the University Chaplain.

University of Sussex

Sir. Christians will go on being divided over their response to homosexual orientation and its proper expression (letters, October 12). What was so offensive about Mrs Atkins's contribution to Thought for the Day was that by its tone and content it came across as more of a Polemic for the Day.

The tone was certainly abrasive. which is why the complaint lines to Radio 4 were jammed (report, Octo-ber 12), and made the proposition that the sinner was to be loved more difficult to take seriously. But to base such a strong attack on what Mrs Atkins supposed Jesus might have said - when in fact he was silent on homosexuality - didn't help her argument.

The equation of adultery with homosexual activity was mistaken, if only because homosexuals have taken no vows. To state so categorically that the only valid approach to the complexity of sexual ethics and the success of the Church is to "sound loud trum-pets" added a militancy which won't help those who sit and pray with people severely troubled by the dilemma their orientation imposes on them.

Christians do have to wrestle with how they offer to God their whole beings in faithfulness, trust, obedience and charity. Mrs Atkins's Thought was more like a battle cry and will only serve to polarise, not to help, a praying and thinking Church honour the relation of the Scriptures to the human condition.

Yours faithfully, GAVIN ASHENDEN, University Chaplain, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex. October 12.

From Mr David Hannon

Sir, It has always appeared to me that Thought for the Day was intended to be thought-provoking. In this respect, Mrs Anne Atkins undoubtedly succeeded in fulfilling the brief.

Whether I agree or disagree with her is of no significance. However, I certainly found myself forced to sit up and take notice.

Yours faithfully, DAVID G. HANNON, 107 Derryboye Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick, Co Down.

From Mr L. P. Cleminson

Sir, Poor old Church of England. A guilty feeling? Or why react so sharply?
Mrs Anne Atkins was not "attack-

ing" anyone: she was properly fulfilling the purpose of the Thought for the Day slot, to stimulate the mind to consider serious subjects. Well done, Mrs Atkins, and I fully agreed with your sentiments and appreciated the unaggressive way you put your point. Yours faithfully.

L. P. CLEMINSON, Ridgefield, Monyash Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire. October 12.

From the Vicar of Christ Church, Chislehurst

Sir, It is little wonder that the ordinary churchgoer and ordinary incumbent are baffled by belonging to the "Church of England". Mrs Atkins and I or any other member are just as much the Church of England as Mr Shegog (letter, October 12) and his General Synod Communications Department. Why should the Church of England need a right of reply to itself?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ADAMS, Christ Church Vicarage, 62 Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

From Mr Tony Blake

Sir, The Reverend Eric Shegog expresses his concern about the use of a platform (Radio 4's Thought for the Day) to attack the Church of England without the Church having an immediate right to reply. Surely this is the case for most

congregations listening to vicars in pulpits across the country every week of the year. Yours faithfully. TONY BLAKE,

Aspen Lodge, Parsonage Lane, Tendring, Essex. October 12.

Sir. Thought for the day - replace Mr Shegog by Mrs Atkins. Yours faithfully, S. B. TWIVY. Willow Cottage, 16 Moor End, Eaton Bray. Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

On the run

From Dr S. B. Twivy

From Mr M. Gee

October 14.

Sir, I quote from your News in Brief item today: "A double killer was still on the run last night after absconding from an open prison where he was being prepared for release ... Police ... described him as dangerous" (my italics).

Open prison and being prepared for release but dangerous? Am I missing something?

Yours, bewildered, M. GEE. 263 Earlsfield Road, SWI8. October 15.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: His Excellency Dr Eduardo Koloma was received in audience by The Queen and pre-sented the Letters of Recali of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Mozambique in London. Mrs Koloma was also

received by Her Majesty.

Mr. Philip Astley (Director.

Protocol, Foreign and Commonwealth Officel was present.

The Lord Howe of Aberavon was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.

The Queen held a Council as

12.30pm.
There were present: The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Mackay of Drumadoon (Lord Advocate), the Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP (Secretary of State for Social Security) and the Rt Hon Alastair Goodlad MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the Tresure).

Secretary to the Treasury).
The Lord Clyde was sworn in as a
Member of Her Majesty's Most Memoer of the Majesty Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Nigel Nicholls was in amen-dance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty

had an aldrience of Her Majesty before the Council. The President of the Republic of Chile and Señora de Fre visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to Lunchcon.

The following were invited: Schora Veronica Frei. His Excellency Schor José Insulta (Minister for Foreign Affairs). His Excellency Scrior Mario Artazza (Ambassador of the Republic of Chile), the Hon Ricardo Nuncz (Senator), Señor Roberto Davila (Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice), Mr Andrew Burns and Mr

Her Majesty invested His Excellency with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George. The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the

Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

His Royal Highness, Senior
Fellow, this morning presented the
Royal Academy of Engineering
Prince Philip Medal at Buckingham

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards

presented the World Ship Trust's Maritime Heritage Award and Awards for Individual Achievement at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young geople who have schleved the Gold Stan-dard in The Duke of Edinburgh's

The Duke of Edinburgh this eveting attended a Dinner given by the Anglo-Chilean Society for The Presi-dent of Chile at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1. The Hon Mary Morrison has

succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Walting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: The Princess Royal. President. The Princess Royal Trust

for Carery, this morning attended a Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the BT Centre, Newgate Street,

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon visited Westminster Safer Cities at the Council House, Maryle-bone Road, London NWI, and the Fourth Feathers Youth Club, Rossmore Road, London NWI.

The Princes Royal, President, Save industry and Commerce Group Moeting and this evening attended a Corporate Members Reception at Buckingham Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 15: The Princess Margaret. Counters of Snowdon this evening

visited the English National Ballet School, Carlyle Building, Hortensia Road, London, SW10, and attended a performance given by the students and members of the English National Ballet, in aid of the School and of the Friends of the Elderty and Gentlefolk's Help. of which Her Royal Highness is President.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October Is: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Merseyside and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr Alan Waterworth). Her Royal Highness visited Vale House Community Centre, Vale Purk, Magazine Lane, New Brighton and afterwards opened Sycamore Lodge, Learning Disabilities Centre, Greenheys Road, Wallasey, Wirral.

Later The Duckess of Gloucester visited Premier Brands, Pasture Road, Moreton, Wirral. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 15: The Duke of Kent this afternoon opened the Library and Resource Centre at the Weald School. Station Road. Billingshurst, West Sussex and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Str Philio Warth Philip Ward).

His Royal Highness later visited the Acorn and Young Farmers Club, Brinsbury College, North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Hanover Band, this evening attended a concert and dinner at the Old Market Brunswick, Upper Market Street, Hove, East Sussex and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson). THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

October 15: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this morn-ing visited the 1st Battalion the Light Infantry at Mecanne Barracks,

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, later opened the Kent Wing of the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Hamstel Road, Harlow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord

Royal engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will attend a dinner given by the American Ambassador and Mrs

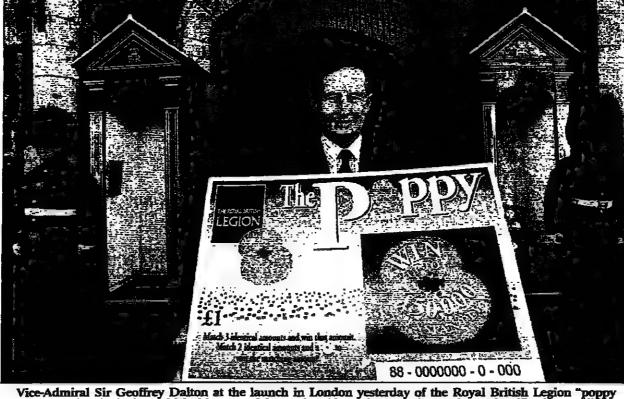
Crowe at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as Parron of The Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison, Coldingley, Bisley, Woking, at 11.00; as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will open the new Kingston upon Thames day services centre, Spring-field Place, New Malden, Surrey, at 1.45; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Commodores' reception and annual meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel at 3.30; and as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a reception for the Grand Prior's cadets at St John's

Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal
Army Nursing Corps, will attend the
annual cocktail party at the Royal
Hospital Chelsea at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will present the Queen Mother's Birthday awards for the Tidy Britain Group at a luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel, at 12.35.

Princess Alexandra will visit the House of St Barnabas in Soho, Greek Street, WI, at 3.30 to mark its 150th anniversary year; and, as patron, will affend a reception and concert for the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust at the Mansion House at 7.45.



Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton at the launch in London yesterday of the Royal British Legion "poppy scratchcard". The legion, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary, hopes the cards will raise £1 million

Lancheon

Ministry of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence yes-terday at Admiralty House in honour of General Joseph W. Ralston, Vice-Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States.

Reception

Canning House Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Vice-President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was the host at a Vin d'honneur held yesterday at Canning House in honour of the President of Chile. Heads of Mission of the Latin American and Iberian countries and corporate members of the council were among those present

Service dinners

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, was the principal guest at the annual Trafalgar Night dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Cafe Royal. Captain J. Hall, sident, was in the chair.

(Retired) Associati Sir Ian Scott, President of the Indian Civil Service (Retired)

Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge University 13 Topographic Squadruo Royal Engineers

Major M.R.H. Burrows, RE, was Warrant Officers of the 13 Topographic Squadron Royal En-gineers at a dipper held on October 12, at the Kiseljak Brick Factory, Bosnia. Major R.D. Thurlow, RE, now assumes command.

Sir Nigel Fisher

The funeral of Sir Nigel Fisher will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at 11.00am, on Tuesday, October 29. All are welcome: tickets will not be required.

Memorial services Mis Ann Nugetti, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Michael Earl, Mr Alex Wengral, Mr John Pelly, Mr Marius Barran, Mr Terrence O'Neil, Mr Leonard white. The Rev MiChael Hurst-Banniser (Actors Church Union). Mr Brian Charlasbie Tress) and Airs Rowers American Charlasbie Mr Ian McCarry (general secretary). British Actors Equity Association, Mr Peter Wilson (Royal Balles Benevoient Pund, Mrs Brends Gray (Arb Educational London School), Mr James Penstone (The Vic-Wells Association). Mr Ken Seption (Gallery First Nighiess), Mr Jim Simpson (Motive Memories Magazine). Mr Simon Corbett, Games Capel) and Mr Brian Norman (Harvey and Gore).

Miss Margaret Rawlings A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Margaret Rawlings (Lady Barlow), actress, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev John Hull officiated.

Miss Camilla Sacchi, grand-daughter and the legen Me

daughter, read the lesson. Mr Jeffry Wickham and Mr Jason Morell gave readings, Mr Frank Thornton and Mr Nigel Davenport gave addresses. The choir of the Arts Educational School, Tring Park, conducted by Mr Vaughan Meakins, sang during the Vaughan Meakins, sang during the service. Among others present were this land service among others present were this land service and serv

Addition All Revolet, that Devia Different father, Mr. George Bingham and Mr. Robert Warren. Executive Editor. News of the World, gave addresses.

Members of the lamily, and past

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Bowles, acror, 60; Dr Steben Buczacki, biologist, broadcaster and author, 51; Mr Max Bygraves, enter-tainer, 74; Miss Allson Chitty, theatre designer, 48; Mr David Congdon, MP, 47; Mr Michael Forsyth, Sec-MP. 47: Mr Michael Forsyth, Sec-retary of State for Scotland, 42: Mr Paul Gollagher, trade unionist, 52: Mr John Grant, former MP. 64: Mr Guner Grass, writer, 69: Mr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 95; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 49: Lieuten-am-General Sir Robert Haymun-Joyce, 50: Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 71: Sir Peter Large, chalrman. actress, 7i; Str Peter Large, chairman, Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 65; Lord Macdonsid of Gwaenyagor; 8i; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT. 79; Mr Strart MacLeod, fashion designer, 37; Mr Hugh MacMillan, former Chief Constable, Northern Constabulary, 64; Mr J.W. Melhourn, a director, National Westminster Bank, 59; the Most Rev Thomas Morris, Archbishop Emeritus of Cashel and Ernly, 82; Miss Erma Nicholson, MP. 55; the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, FRS, former Presi-Polkinghorne, FRS, former President, Queens' College, Cambridge, 66; Mr William Webb, conductor, 49; Mr John Whittingdale, MP, 37.

Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale

Mr Chrisopher Blythe

A service to celebrate the life of Mr Christopher Blythe, a News of the World reporter, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mrs Anne-Marie Wilm, sister, read the between and Miss Heles, Various

the lesson and Miss Helen Variey, sister-in-law, rend John Oxenham's Adleu et Au Revolr. Mr David Blythe,

The life barony conferred upon Miss Meta Ramsay has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, of Langside, in the City of Glasgow.

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

The life barony conferred upon Dame Joyce Anne Anelay has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Anelsy of St Johns, in the County of Surrey.

Legal appointments Mr Clive Owen John Behrens has been appointed a Circuit Judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

Mr Richard Anthony Girvan Inglis has been appointed a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Dinners

Anglo-Chilenn Society The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Anglo-Chilean Society last right at the Park Lane Hotel in honour of the President of Chile. Mr Roger Venables, chairman of the society, presided. Among those present were:

present were:
Señora de Frei, Mrs. Venables, the
Ebilsan Hilnisser of Foreign Affairs, the
Chilean Minisser of Foreign Affairs, the
Ambansador of Chila and Señora Anass.
the Dowager Countess of Dundonald,
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of Alamein, Mr John Guommer, MP, and
Mrs. Gummer and the Hon William
Waldegrave, MP.

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dirner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at I Cariton Gardens in honour of Mr Mircea Snegur, President of

Inner Temple

Mr Edward Nugee, QC, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, and the Masters of the Bench entertained the President Vice-President and Council of the Law Society at dinner at Inner Temple last night.

Greater Manchester Lieutenancy Colone John Timmins, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and the Deputy Lieutenants held a dinner last night at the Masonic Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester, Mr George Almond, County Fire Officer, and Mrs Almond were the guests.

Lord Clydesmuir, KT

A thunksgiving service for the life and work of Colonel the Right Hon the Lord Clydesmulr, KT, CB, MBE, TD; will be held in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, at noon on Thursday, December 5, 1996.

Royal Literary Fund

The 206th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Literary Fund will be held at the Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, SW10 9SB, on Wednesday, November 13,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.H. Barnes and Miss S.P. Leather The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Gilbert Barnes and of Mrs Myfanwy Barnes, of Oundle, Northamptonshire, and Susan. eldest daughter of the late George Leather and of Mrs Doreen Leather, of Southport, Lancashire.

Mr P.A. Budd and Miss R.J. Buttin The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Budd, of Ashley, Cheshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butlin, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr G.W. Franks and Miss W.A. Balfour

The engagement is announced between George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Franks, of Beckett's Grove, Matfield, Kent, and Willa, eldest daughter of Mr Roderick and Lady Tessa Balfour, of Burpham Lodge, Mr T.M.C. Holcroft

and Miss C.L. MIUT

The engagement is announced between Thomas, second son of Sir Peter Holcroft, Bt. of Berrington, Shropshire, and Mrs Simon Firbank, of Bourton, Dorset, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marr, of Sutton Scotney, Hampshire.

Mr G.F.A. Nixon

and Miss H.L. Biscoe-Tuylor The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of Mr B. Cornock Nixon, of Berkhamsted, and Mrs M. MacMillan Nixon. of Little Versice, London, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Biscoe-Taylor, of Great

Missenden, Buckinghamshire. Mr M.H. Parish

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Parish, of Frittenden, Kent, and Zoë, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Clarke, of Toronto, Canada, M. S.F. Prost.

and Miss J.N. Whalley

The engagement is announced between Stephane, son of M and Mme Jean Prost, of Monitanquin. France, and Jane, daughter of Dr Kristin Whalley, of Cowden, Kent, and the late Mr Clive Whalley.

Mr I.A. Smith . and Miss J.J. Oakley The engagement is announced between ian, son of Mr and Mrs

Woking, Surrey.

Allen Smith, of Woking, Surrey, and Jemima, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Oakley, also of

Mr C. Tunsley and Miss S. Wilkinson The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Tunsley, of Boston. USA, and Siedah (Becky), daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Wilkinson, of Clifton, Bristol. Mr R.LL Williams

and Miss A.C.G. Haskins The engagement is announced between Rhidian, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Williams, of Penarth, South Glamorgan, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. John Haskins, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr D.S. Winston and Miss LA Nason

The engagement is armounced between Darren, only son of Mr and Mrs Barry Winston, of New Jersey, USA, and Lucinda. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paddy Nason, of Helions Bumpstead, Essex.

Marriages

Mr P. Kerr-Dineen and Dr S. Dodd Mr Peter Kerr-Dineen and Dr Susan Dodd married quietly in London, on October 15. Mr B.J.Q. Henriques and Miss K.M.H. Redvers

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at Gloucester Cathedral, of Mr Renedict Henriques to Miss Katherine Redvers. The Very Revol Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor, officiated, assisted by the Dean of Gloucester and the Revd Father Vladimir Felzmann. godfather of the bride, who gave

the address. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister. Miss Diana Redvers, and Cara, Polly and Octavia de Ferranti, India Rose Smith, Michael de Silva, Peter Henriques and Ludo de Ferranti. Mr Daniel

Renton was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr B.W. Sherret

and Miss F. MacGregor The marriage took place on Saturday, October 5, in Naim, of Brian Watson Sherret, of, Aberdeen, to Fiona MacGregor, C. Naim. The Rev W. Whyte

Lecture

Wellington Society Dr Gerald Libby delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Barry Hoffbrand presided.

Agra. 1605; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1774; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, guillotined, Paris, 1793; John Hunter, anatomist and

surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802; Henry

Martyn, missionary, Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Sir Granville Bantock, com-

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, Holyrood, 1430; Albrecht Von Haller, botanist, anato-mist and poet, Berne, 1708; Noah Webster, lexicographer, Hartford, Connecticut, 1758; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington Quay, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Basie, 1827; Oscar Wilde, writer, Dublin, 1854; Michael Wife, Writer, Dubum, 1854; Michael Collins, Irish patrior, Clonakity, Co Cork, 1890; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel Peace laureste 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 948-53 and 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York, 1888; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader 1044-85, Gjinokuster, 1908, DEATHS: Luca Signorelli, painter, Cortona, Italy, 1523; Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, Prot-estant reformers, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Akbar I, the Great, Mogul Emperor of India 1550-1605,

poser, London, 1946; Liaquat Ali Khan, Ist Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assassinated, Rawaiphidi, West Punjab, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Ald, Nobel Peace Isureate 1953, Wash-ington, 1959. The House of Commons was burni down, 1834. The first aeroplane flight in England was by Samuel Cody. Farnborough, 1908.

German war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946. Cardinal Karl Wojtyla. Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope with the name of John Paul II, 1978.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

For this people's mind has become dull; they have stopped their ears and closed their eyes. Otherwise, their eyes might see, their ears hear, and their mind understand. Acres of the Apostles 28 : 27

BUXTON - On 1st October, to Zanna (nee McCarthy) and Robin, a daughter, Kate. CURRY - On October 14th, in Singapore, to Jane (nes Broculleid) and Josephson a son, Edward Alexander John DAVEY - On October 14th 1996 Benjamin Frederick was born to Sally and Timothy.

FOSTER - On 11th October 1995, to Helen (née Green) and Anthony, a son, Alexander George, a brother the Harrier FOUNTAIN - On 4th October, in

Starnberg, Munich, to She (see Darcon) and Christopher, a son, Maximilian James. GOATER - Thomas Mark Birdwood, born October 4th 1996. A perfect son to Elaine (new Williams) and Mark.

GOING - On October 13th 1996, to Heather (née Lecon) and Patrick, a son, Nicholas Matthew Parker, a brooker for Thomas.

Brocker for Thomas.

GRAND - On October 9th in Verwailles, to Maylis (nee Wacongne) and Jumes, a daughter, Madeleine Augusta Victoria.

1996, to Susan (nee Brown) and Jonathan, a daughter, Isabel Susan Penny, a sister for Harry.

Laveraged - On October Livia, to Alison (nee Gregory) and Jamle, a son Hugh Ahan, a procher for Earlind (Books). All it well.

BRADGWICK - On 11th.

MADGWICK - On 11th October, to Alex (née Glussani) and John, twi daughters, Francesca and Loisa, aistem for James and Ben. TROUP - Tim and Lucy (née Hotchkiss) proudly announce the arrival of twins Phoebe Astrid and Lily

Esther on Friday 11th October at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol WAINWRIGHT - On 6th

yATES - Edward Scott Farless on October 7th to Mark and Penny (nee Woods), a brother for Henry.

DEATHS

ARCHIBALD - Suddenly but peacefully at Kingswood Court Nursing Home, Surrey. On 13th October 1996, Dr. E. Munro Archibald C.B. M.B.E. Private committee. Necessial Service details to be sumounced at a later date.

AXTEN - Margaret Hizabeth (Tina), (of Seaford, Sussex) on October 12th 1996 at ipswich Hospital Beloved mother of Wendy, Funeral Service at \$1 Faith's Crematorium, Norwich at 12.30 pm on Saturday 19th October, Flowers and enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, tek (01603) 760787.

BURROWS - On 12th October, Molly, much loved mother of Jennifer, Richard and Michael, died peacefully at home. No flowers, Cremation

CARYER - Marjorie passed away peacefully on 14th October 1996 aged 80 years. CHARCE - On 15th October 1996 at Chateau d'Oez Hospital, Switzerland, Annesies Veelyn (née Warre), loving mother of Tessa and Colin and devoted grandmother of Damian, Alexia, Lucinda and Shannon.

DAVIDSOM - Margaret G. died mercifully and pencefully in Crediton Hospital on Saturday October 12th 1996 aged 97. She was cherished by her son John and as dearly loved by Jean, other relatives and many friends. Funeral Service at the Church of St Matthew, Cheriton Fitzpalae, on Monday October 21st at 2pm, followed by cremation at Eleter. Further details from A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Roed, Crediton, Devon, (01363) 772042.

bome peacefully surrounded by family and friends on 10th October after an extended illness. Church extended interst. Cauren Sarvice St Columbis, Pont Street. London SW1. on Friday 18th October at 10.30am. Family flowers only. Donations to Kobler Centre, St Stephens Clinic, Fulham Boad, London SW10. DWARD - Jamet Gabriel Mary.
Peacefully on 12th October at St Wilfrid's Hospice,
Chichester, surrounded by her family. Private family funeral service will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday October 23rd at SS. Peter & Paul, West Wittering. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. No flowers.
Domations planse to be made to "St George's Hospital Special Trustees/Cancer Vaccine Campaign" and sant to Edward White & Sons, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, West Turster Pot 15L

Cokham, suddenly at home on Wednesday 9th October aged 74 years. Funeral Service will take place on Monday 21st October at Oakham Espeist Church at 11.30 am followed by interment in Oakham Cemetery, Flowers to Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, Rutland, (01572) 722654.

FARRIE - On October 12th at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Buth Stear Fairlie (nee Grogury), for 53 years the wife of James, mother of James, Aidan, Stephen and Joon and grandmother of nine gamelchildren. Foneral Service at St Helen's Church, Ablingdon, on Monday October 21st at 1230 pm. family flowers only. Any donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund clo Edward Carter (F/D), 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS.

ORBES-MICHIE - Captain R.A., East Boldon, Tyne and West, peacefully on 12th October aged 62 years, Stanley Allen.

Daks, Sutton Coldfield, peacefully in hospital on October 12th 1996 agod 68 years. Fortner Member of Faciliament for Elemingham Yandley 1979-1992. Dearly belowed husband of Cynthis, father of Madelaine and Kevin and grandfather to Sophia. Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Friday 18th October at 9.15 um, followed by private cremation.

GOTT - Howard O.B.E., suddenly of a beart attack on 10th October, much loved by his family Enren, Kjell and Emma, Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday 18th October at 12

GRATTAN - Awdry Jane on October 12th very suddenly and peacefully at home, much loved mother of Patrick, mother-in-law of Louise and grandmother of Altice, William and Edward, furnity 22nd October at 12 noon. Donations to Common Pund, Middlefield, Goodnestone, Canterbury, Kant CT3 1FG, Flowent to J. Dilnot Smith & Son, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kant CT13 0FD.

GRIEW - Edward died pencefully at home on 13th October 1996, beloved husband of Marian and very duar father of Rachel and Simon, Funeral at Wilford Hill Crematorium on Friday 18th October at 12.15 pm. ramily flowers only please but donations if derived for Casers Relief or Hamilian Fund may be sent to AW. Lyan, Rutland House, 128 Marian Rutland House, 12

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1996, pascefully at home in
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Singh's action had an inspir-

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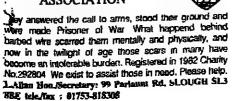
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moured lighting vehicles. Summing up the situation with that tactical intelligence which is instinctive in the finest infantry leaders, Singh determined to take out the enemy foxholes before they could inflict the kind of damage that might seriously affect his battalion's attack. Armed with grenades and a submachine gun he assailed foxhole

after foxhole, subduing the defendants with grenades and mopping up with bursts of sub-machinegun fire. During this breathtaking

singlehanded assault, which

astounded all who witnessed it. Singh was himself hit in the arm by small arms fire. But he realised that his task was not finished and refused to go to the rear. A cleverly concealed anti-tank gun was still giving trouble and he rushed it and killed its crew with more bursts of fire and further grenades. He then called to the rest of his section who, much heartened by his robust action, followed him down the lane along which the battalion had been trying to advance, clearing enemy positions along both sides of it.

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finest traditions of the Punjabi regiments of the Indian Army, helped to keep up the momentum of the assault on Myingyan, which fell later in the month after further hard lighting. The Myingyan battle was itself a vital component of the campaign against the railway junction at Meiktila, whose capture prised loose the grip of General Honda's Japanese

33rd Army on central Burma. Singh's VC was gazetted on May 22, 1945. Although he had sustained quite serious injuries, he refused to be invalided out of the Army, and insisted on participating in the drive Rangoon which concluded the Burma campaign later in the year. During this he was mentioned in dispatches.

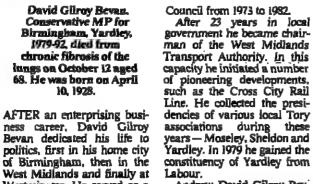
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was drafted to the 11th Sikh Regiment in the new Indian Army. He was to participate in further lighting, during the Chinese incursion into India of 1962, and later in operations in Kashmir, in retirement he farmed in Punjab.

A quiet man of great gentleness and charm — though one of unmistakable military bearing - Gian Singh was devoted to his family. He greatly enjoyed the reunions of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association and only illhealth last year prevented him from making the journey to London to be present on that occasion.

Hiş wife Hardail Kaur died last year. He is survived by three sons and two daughters living in this country and a son who lives in India.

DAVID GILROY BEVAN preacher who probably in-



Westminster. He served as a Andrew David Gilroy Bev-Birmingham city councillor an was born in Birmingham, from 1959 to 1974 and sat on the son of a Congregational minister and Evangelical the West Midlands County

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spired his son to become a forceful, if somewhat stentorian, public speaker. He was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, where, alongside his sporting activities he held the post of secre-tary of the debating society.

He did his National Service with the British Army first in Austria and then in Hamburg. He was demobilised as a captain in the Royal Army Service Corps.

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Cynthia Boulstridge, who ran the estate agency during his years as an MP. He was one of Margaret Thatcher's strongest and staunchest supporters through her 11 years as Prime Minister, and he was greatly saddened by the means and manner of her departure.

During his 13 years at Westminster — he lost his seat to Labour in the 1992 election – he plaved an active part as a backbench MP, but was never rewarded even by being made a PPS. His interest in transport, though, ensured him a seat on the Transport Select Committee, and he also chaired several Conservative hackbench committees including on tourism, recreation and leisure and road passenger transport.

Away from Westminster Bevan led a colourful life, at one time owning an island in the Mediterranean, a luxury vacht at Monte Carlo - while at another time almost buying a castle in Wales. But it was often said that at least he made life stimulating for his friends. colleagues and family and his joie de vivre was the envy of many. In his younger days he developed considerable skill as an artist and painter, at one stage even running an antique

The last year of his life was overshadowed by a progres-sive lung disease although he had abandoned smoking many years before. He is survived by his second wife, the son and daughter of his first marriage and two stepdaughters.

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His first marriage ended in divorce but in 1967 he married

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composer since Sibelius. Based on a play by the

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PROFESSOR KENNETH MUIR

Kenneth Muir, King Alfred Professor of English Literature in the University of Liverpool. 1951-74, died on September 30 aged 89. He was born on May 5, 1907.

IN AN academic career that began with The Voyage to Illyria (published jointly with Sean O'Loughlin) in 1937 and extended virtually till the day of his death, Kenneth Muir became associated, in a way no other scholar of his era quite did, with the bricks and mortar of Shakespeare scholarship. This was exemplified by his editing of the Shake-speare Survey from 1965 to 1980, an undertaking which he approached with scrupulous That is not to say that he

was purely the bookish type, an advocate of the Shakespeare in the study" school. As a critic he had grown up with the inspirational G. Wilson Knight and was, like him, steeped in stagecraft. The volumes of the Shakespeare Survey which he edited dealt as fully with production as they did with sheer scholarship. Indeed, Muir's own first

sorties into print were as a poet, with the volumes The Nettle and the Flower (1933) and Jonah in the Whale (1935). And his association with the volcanic driving force of Wilson Knight at Leeds ensured that, however deeply he steeped himself in sources and the historical background, he never entirely distanced himself from the heat of the Shakespearean creative furnace as, in the end, it is experienced in the theatre. He celebrated his retirement by doing something he had always wanted to do - appearing as Prospero in a colleague's production of The Tempest.

Apart from Shakespeare, the one sphere in which he also made a major contribution was the life and poetical output of Sir Thomas Wyatt. His edition of the poems of this many-sided English Renaissance man - diplomat, courtier and poet - which appeared in 1949, set a standard for all other work, critical and editorial, that was to follow. His Life and Letters of Sir Thomas Wyatt appeared in 1964 and was justly admired.

Kenneth Muir was born the son of a doctor in London, in 1914 he and his siblings were orphaned by the death of their father - an event which could

he held to account for the stoical self-sufficiency that was ever after one of Muir's characteristics. As a doctor's orphan he was given a free place at Epsom College and went on to University College Medical School. But at some point he

iumped off the train that was carrying him in quite the wrong direction, and transferred to St Edmund Hall. Oxford. After graduation in 1931, he went to St John's College of Education in York. This was an institution he always recollected with a mixture of amusement and frustration, recounting the many times he was sacked and then reinstated, usually in circumstances that reflected his difficulty in reconciling his socialist principles and taste for theatricals with the restrictive ethos of the college.

From this constricting environment he was liberated in 1937 when Professor Bonamy Dobree added him to "the Ministry of All the Talents" he was developing in the English department at the University of Leeds. A department able to accommodate both the Marxist Arnold Kettle and the Christian mystic G. Wilson Knight was an obvious home for Muir, who shared many characteristics with both these opposed characters. At Leeds he found ample scope for both

talent, and it was there that he evolved from literary critic and poet into a critic-scholar. It was there, too, that he

his Fabianism and his acting



homed in on two authors who were to sustain his research interests and enthusiasm for the rest of his life - Sir Thomas Wyatt and Shakespeare. (Calderón, his third abiding interest, did not surface until later.) The editions of Macbeth (1951) and King Lear (1952) that he began there for the Arden Shakespeare series established his preeminence as a Shakespeare scholar, combining as they did a careful textual approach with an imaginative grasp of the possibilities of poetry.

In 1951 he moved to Liverpool as King Alfred Professor of English Literature and he stayed in Liverpool for the rest of his life, a model of industry and fair-mindedness to all his younger colleagues, a commanding figure, but a fiercely egalitarian one. At Liverpool he was able to

show to the full his talents as chairman, administrator and collaborative scholar, clear in what he demanded of himself and of others, but unsurprised by challenge and compromise. Although he usually began by assuming that his colleagues were as clear-headed and efficient as he was himself, the inevitable discovery that they were not was accommodated with fortitude and generosity. It may be said of Kenneth

Muir that his work was his life. He left little space for small-talk and regarded time not spent in discussion or writing and reading as time wasted. Even in trivial matters like his daily journey to central Liverpool from his home in Birkenhead he refused to be diverted from the work in hand, employing his every few minutes spent on the Mersey Railway to advance his translation of Calderón (or other scholarly work) by a few lines. it was a focus that sustained nim in the loss of his wife Mary and the early death of his daughter Katherine and in the solitary years followed. He retired in 1974 but

retained his office at Liverpool and followed the same routine he had held to for the previous twenty years. It is fitting that his last public appearance was as a lecturer at the Shakespeare conference in Stratfordupon-Avon only a few weeks before his death. The lecture had to be read for him by Philip Edwards but the substance still represented the characteristic virtues of his life: comprehensiveness, lucidity and economy.

He is survived by his son.

JOONAS KOKKONEN

Joopas Kokkonen, Finnish composer, died on October 2 aged 74. He was born on November

FINLAND has been the centre of a remarkable operatic renaissance in recent years, with Helsinki and the Savonlinna Festival becoming essential stops on any musical itinerary, and works by Finnish composers gaining regular hearings around the world. One of the first manifestations of this striking efflorescence was the 1975 premiere of The Last Temptations, the only opera by Joonas Kokkonen, Finland's most important

composer's cousin, the opera tells the story of Paavo Ruotsalainen, an itinerant preacher who led a religious revival in the early 19th century. The protagonist is a gloomy obsessive; the libretto is long-winded and episodic. But Kokkonen's score has extraordinary power: stirring, evocative, elegiac, this is

The Last Temptations was a

around the world, including performances at Sadier's Wells and the New York Met; and this at a time when few new operas manage a run that goes beyond single figures. It was recorded in 1979.

The Last Temptations was Kokkonen's crowning achievement, but by the time he wrote it his reputation was already secure. Kokkonen siways wrote his works out directly in full score, without preliminary sketches. But in his case this was not an indication of effortless fluency. Composition was a slow and painstaking process for him, and he had exacting standards of selfcriticism. As a result, his published output over a 40year career was restricted to some 50 works; but all are of the highest quality, and establish him as a composer of international importance.

He viewed composition as an organic process, in which a larger form grows out of an initial musical germ of motive. "like a tree from a seed". Four important symphonies demonstrate that thinking on a large scale. while Kokkonen also made significant contributions to vocal and choral music, and to the repertoire for chamber

solo piano (he was himself a notable planist in the 1950s). Though he experimented early in his career with dodecaphony, he never entirely abandoned tonality; his music is intricately organised, but there is an underlying warmth and richness that makes it always approachable and

affecting.
Joonas Kokkonen was born in central Finland. He studied musicology and piano at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, interrupting his studies for military service. On graduating in 1949 he became a lecturer at the academy, and in 1953 was appointed professor of composition there, a post he held until 1963. His pupils included such leading figures of the younger generation of Nordic composers as Aulis Sallinen, Paavo Heininen and Pehr Henrik Nordgren. He was elected to the Finnish Academy in 1963, and in 1965 became president of the Society of Finnish Com-DOSETS.

Kokkonen's first marriage was dissolved in 1953; his second wife, died in 1979. He is survived by his third wife, Anita Pakoma, by a son and two daughters from his first marriage, and by two daughters from his second.

BLONDE JULIET CALLS THE TUNE

Romeo and Juliet

For the rest of this week both companies of the Royal Baller are playing in London. Opening their season in Bow Street last night, the dancers of the larger troupe lookd innumerable compared with their hard-pressed brethren in Rosebery Avenue, whose ranks have been depleted by large-scale sickness. Not that the larger company is entirely unaffected: Lynn Seymour and David Wall, who were to have danced some of this week's performances of Romeo and Julies, are both unwell. Happily, however, Natalia Makarova and Anthony Dowell were both present and in fine fettle for the opening performance.

Makarova has seen Juliet afresh, very much in her own image. A blonde Juliet? Yes, and a completely convincing one, capricious, femi-nine, ardent, Romeo may think he is making the running in their courtship, but with Makarova as the heroine she is the one who calls the tune to which both of them dance.

She makes fine use of the extraordinary speed that is one of her many assets. In the first

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When Lynn Seymour and David Wall were unwell, Natalia Makarova and Anthony Dawell came to the rescue to take their parts in Romeo and Juliet and were seen to be in fine

love duct her dancing is light as well as fast, and when she rushes off later to Priar Laurence's cell the impetus is more weighty to fit her desperate mood. But there is plenty of variety in her approach: in her first scene, for instance, she conveys Juliet's childishness by the charming little hesitations she introduces

Her acting also contains original and revealing touches. I do not remember other Juliets refusing to accept the sleep-inducing drug that the friar offers. Makarova does so. and is persuaded to try his proposed course of action only after they have prayed together. When forced by her family to respond to

Paris's attenuous, she varies their formal measures with an anguished, almost angry fluttering of her hands. Is that acting or dancing? Whichever, it looks absolutely right. and presages the tremulous anxiety of her later awakening in the tomb.

Dowell was dancing in peak form: his solo in the first scene of Act II, spinning pell-mell round the market place, won a round of applause breaking into the action. Responding to Makarova's warmth, he showed an unusual impetuousness in his acting too, hurtling up from his knees to embrace her almost before the priest had finished blessing their nuptials.

The rest of the cast was familiar, with Michael Coleman's Mercutio acquiring an extra touch of venom in his dying solo. Much interest centred, of course, on the question how the music would sound, reverting to one of the resident conductors after Ahronovitch's guest performances at the end of last season.

Wisely. Ashley Lawrence made no attempt to imitate the extremes of tempi or volume which the Russian had introduced, and on the whole I think I prefer his more temperate approach. There were moments when one missed the passion Ahronovitch dragged from the orchestra (Tybalt's death was the prime example), but his frequent changes of pace

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Handgun ban to be extended

An absolute ban on the most dangerous handguns, including semi-automatics of the type used by Thomas Hamilton in the Dunblane massacre, is expected to be announced by the Government today.

People will no longer be allowed to keep handguns at home, but in addition to the Cullen inquiry's recommendations the use of larger repeating handguns will be prohibited anywhere except by the police and armed forces....

Fines to keep EU budgets in line

Heavy and repeated financial penalties will be imposed on EU states that fail to keep their budget deficits in line with the rules for monetary union under proposals to be announced today by the European Commission. The system has been designed largely under German pressure

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Fears rose of renewed sectarian violence in Northern Ireland after loyalists announced their intention to march along a contentious section of Londonderry's historic .. Page 4

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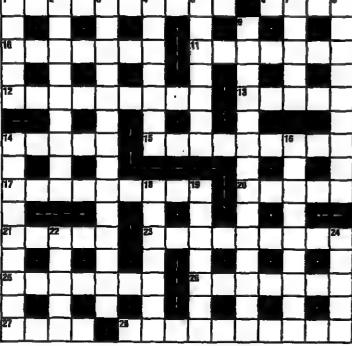
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26 Greenland's nature reserve [7]. 27 Boy from Rugby going thus to Cambridge (4).

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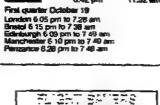
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 1996

Sterling rise gains fresh momentum

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

STERLING'S inexorable rise took on a new momentum yesterday. The pound jumped by more than two piennigs to its highest level for almost two years, closing at around DM2 4380, demand for the pound. from DM2.4170 on Monday.

In US trading, it gained even further, breaking above the DM2.44 level. On its trade-weighted index against a basket of currencies, it closed at 88.6. from 88.0 on Monday. "It has taken on a life of its said one currency trader.

The dollar also railied strongly yesterday, hitting a 33-month high against the yen and its highest level against the mark for 20 weeks. It recorded peaks of Y112.39 and DM 5411 DM1.5411.

In London, the stock market also powered to another new record with the FT-SE 100 index closing 12.1 points higher, at 4,050.8. The index had touched a peak of 4,063.2 in trading but came off its high as Wall Street started to turn

After the London market. closed, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped 35 points into negative territory, sugsome swift profit-taking on

European markets. Markets on the Continent joined in the outburst of optimism, with new records set in Frankfurt, Zurich, Amsterdam, Madrid, Stockholm, Osio and Budapest. Shares in Paris hit their highest level ince May 1994.

There was no fresh news yesterday to support sterling's raily but investors marshalled every argument at their disposal to justify the buying spree. In Britain, a self-feeding

phenomenon appears to have developed, with the pound's strength leading to confidence in shares and, in turn, foreign interest in shares boosting

Government bonds were also buoyant again yesterday, partly because investors watching the pound's persis-tent rally are betting on making currency gains.

A plethora of reasons are being cited for the pound's popularity - some completely contradictory. Developments in Europe is a key justification for buying sterling. Some dealers say that ster-

ling is profiting from a perception that it will not join a

CBI backs Clarke stance on EMU

BRITAIN should keep its options on European monetary union truly open, participate fully in preparations and "try to ensure that the EMU which going to emerge is more likely to be one we might want to join", Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry,

In a speech in the City last night. Mr Turner said it was more likely than not that some countries would go ahead with EMU in 1999 or soon after, and Britain's decision should be made against this context. Whenever Ken Clarke says this, it's called a gaffe: but we're in a pretty poor state of public debate when the statement of the obvious is political-

dangerous or taboo.' Alternatives, like trying to dissuade others from going

European single currency and is therefore being bought as a "safe haven". This camp believes that, with countries like Finland and Italy clamouring to be founder members, the euro might not be the "hard currency" that was always envisaged by Germany.

But another camp says that sterling is being bought on speculation that an incoming Labour government is more likely to be well disposed towards monetary union and take the pound into the single currency. They say that the pound is in demand, along with other currencies that are striving to meet the Maastricht treaty economic convergence criteria. The umbrella erm for this investment activi-

ty is "convergence trades". The other key reason being cited in the markets for sterling's rally is a perception that neither a Conservative nor a Labour election win would pose great economic risks, with both parties committed to prudent monetary and fiscal policies. The political risk thought to have held sterling back appears to have largely disappeared since reassuring economic speeches at the main CONTENENCES

On the margin, stronger oil prices were also quoted as supporting sterling in its status as a petro currency. Crude oil prices traded near to sixyear highs yesterday. North Sea Brent crude futures hit a new post-Gulf War high of \$25.06 a barrel, a rise of 20 cents on the day. Today, London markets are

focused on the latest British unemployment and public borrowing figures.

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Sportswear founders cash in

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

JOHN WARDLE and David Makin, the founders of John David Sports, are set to make more than £12 million each when the sportswear retailer is floated on Monday. Mr Wardle, chairman, and

Mr Makin, chief executive, will still own 35 per cent each of the company after the flotation, worth a further £46.4 million to both on

paper. Up to 30 per cent of the company's shares are to be placed at 285p each, capitalising the company at £1326 million.

The two opened the first branch in Bury, Lancashire, in 1981. Mr Wardle, 51, was then a civil servant and amateur soccer coach, and Mr Makin 32 was one of his players. The flotation will raise £8.9 million and will be used to open 25 new branches

each year. There are now 61. "I am comfortable we can take JD Sports to 200 branches," Mr Wardle said.

The company trades as JD Sports, selling branded sportwear, Athleisure, which sells the more expensive labels; and JD, which sells only footwear and is concentrated in central London.

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Ofwat opts for early

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

review

WATER companies were yesterday presented with an ultimatum to pump more money into pipelines and improve customer services as the industry regulator announced an early review of price

lan Byatt, Director-General of Ofwat, will mount a fresh inquiry into the water companies in 1999 — five years before the present price con-trols expire. Although he was expected to launch a review before the 2004 deadline, the timing of yesterday's announcement was a surprise along with his warning that he would watch leakage rates and supply maintenance shead of the review.

Mr Byatt also made it plain that some cost savings made by companies must benefit customers. He said: "The water companies are now reporting substantial efficiency savings. We will take full account of these at the next review in order that they can be passed on to customers Customers have seen prices ising for too long.

The Labour Party, which has mounted a concerted carnpaign against the water companies over service and shareholder dividends, said the fresh review would not go far enough. Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, said: "This is too little, too iate. It means that water companies will continue to roll in money until the year 2000." Share price falls among the water companies were gener-

ally modest with a number of analysts saying that a fresh review had already been factored into the price. Mr Dobson said a Labour

government would put water at the forefront of a regulatory shake-up across the utilities,

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Gas blow

A row between National Power and United Gas over gas supplies has escalated legal battle that will be closely watched by the rest of the industry. Page 28

Eleventh hour

Inchcape, the motor dealer, halted the flotation of its insurance subsidiary just hours before it was due to go ahead. Instead Incheape is selling the Bain Hogg subsidiary to Aon, the international insurance

Sacked executives

By MARTIN WALLER

walk off with £69m

MORE than £69 million has been paid to departing executives of Britain's 350 biggest companies in compensation for early dismissal over the past three years and the total is accelerating in spite of crackdowns on boardroom reed, according to Pensions Investment Research Consul-

ants, the City pressure group. PIRC has found that in spite of publication of the report by committee chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury, which looked at directors' employment contracts and compensation and at salaries and share options, the amount paid out by top companies is fixed stubbornly at £20 million and above each year, and is rising. Companies have argued that long notice periods, which

serve to enlarge eventual compensation payments if contracts are terminated, are necessary to allow recruitment

However, PIRC said: "The accusation of self-interest has non-executives setting the pay of their colleagues on a further contracts to the 12 months recommended by Greenbury.

Barclays sets up new fund business to invest £230bn

BY ROBERT MILLER

BARCLAYS yesterday created the second largest fund management business in the world to invest £230 billion belonging to pension funds, charities and insurance companies.

Barclays Global Investors was born out of a merger of BZW Barclays Global Investors and BZW Investment Management and includes last year's \$440 million US acquisition of Wells Fargo Nikko Investment Advisers. The new business is second only in size to Fidelity, the

About 11 managers left the newly enlarged Barclays fund management arm this week because of the overlap

UNITED News & Media yester-

day won the long auction of Blenheim Group, securing con-trol of the exhibitions business

cent of the company.

nesses were a good fit, with

Miller Freeman strong in the US

American fund manager that

looks after nearly £260

created by the merger. The investment group declined to comment on payoffs, but it is understood that the departing managers received an average of one year's salary as

Lindsay Tomlinson and Patricia Dunn have been appointed joint chief executives of Barclays Global, while Fred Grauer becomes chairman. The group looks after 1,300 clients in 22 countries and has offices in Europe, the US, Japan, Australia, Canada and

Until yesterday's announcement the two Barclays investarms had very distinctive approaches to managing money One, which included the Wells Fargo Nikko business, concentrated on the indextracking and the computerbased concept of looking after

The other practised the more traditional hands-on management technique of selecting each individual share. bond or other types of investment instrument.

Mr Tomlinson said that as the two branches of the business expanded there was a danger of a conflict of interest when they would both be competing for the same fund management contracts.

He added: "Now we can offer any approach to fund management that a client wants under the one umbrella of Barclays Global Investors."

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United News wins battle of Blenheim By Paul Durman and the Far East, and Blenheim

with a £592.5 million cash offer. Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, will receive more than £27 million for his shareto pay Mr Buch's asking price. holding. Mr Buch and other Reed Elsevier and others exdirectors, and their families, are supporting the 500p-a-share offer, letting United secure 51 per Linking Blenheim to United's er, paid 500p a share for a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim. If Uni-Miller Freeman will form the world's largest trade show group. with combined sales last year of £545 million and profits of £88 million. Lord Hollick, United's chief executive, said the two busi-

United put Blenheim "in play per cent last May, but talks with Blenheim faltered in August, when United seemed reluctant

ressed interest in buying Blenheim, but discussions were ted had not made its offer yester-

blocking a full takeover. Charles Irby, of Baring Brothers, VNU's adviser, said VNU

intended to accept the United offer. VNU was not willing to make an offer because it lacked the knowledge of Blenheim that United and Reed gained from months of due diligence.

Lord Hollick said that United fixed the price it was prepared to pay for Blenheim "way back in June". He added: "We had no interest in getting involved in a fight or a battle. If somebody wanted to pay more [than 500p]

heim, said the long negotiations were "very frustrating" but he was glad to have got a good price. Staffan Svenby, managing director, will join United.

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not been easily dispelled, particularly when the market rate is set by directors who often benefit from that same practice." As a demonstration, 63 executive directors drawn from FT-SE 100 companies sit as 70 large companies. This year's sample of 78 of the country's biggest companies found only eight had reduced directors'

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strong in Europe and the UK. when it took a stake of nearly 3

brought to a head last week, when VNU, the Dutch publishday morning, VNU planned to lift its holding to 25 per cent and then 29.9 per cent - effectively

we'd very happily stand aside." Mr Buch, who is leaving Blen-

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Bottomley plea to help lottery-cash applicants

By Jon Ashworth

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the Heritage Secretary, has urged accountants and lawyers to assist smaller applicants for National Lottery funds. Mrs Bottomley said many potential beneficiaries of lottery money were unable to clear the minimum threshold.

It can cost £15,000 to £20,000 to submit an application for £800,000 in lottery funds. Mrs Bottomley, hailing the success of the Professional Firms Group (PFG), which provides more than £2 million a year in fee-paying work to community projects, urged firms to widen their net to take in lottery applicants. She said the PFG was providing an invaluable service.

Christopher Jonas, PFG chairman, said the venture had snowballed since starting in 1990. Mr Jonas, former chairman of Drivers Jonas, the chartered surveyor, said: "It just struck me that big companies were giving big sums of money to the voluntary sector, but professionals were doing nothing. What they did have were skills and time, and they could therefore give professional ad-vice for nothing rather than

giving money."

He added: "We set out to achieve ten firms giving 100 hours a year each per annum free, and we've got 400, giving £2 million of professional advice free each year." The PFG falls under the umbrella of Business in the Community, which seeks to encourage greater business involvement in communities. The aim is to develop the PFG into a 500member association.

🗅 For further information on the PFG, contact Caroline Knighton on 01222 468177.



Jonas: success snowballed



Paul Taylor, left, a director of ALEA, and Terry Robinson, deputy chairman, aim to create Russia's first online lottery

Concern over holiday inquiry report

UK team to take lottery to Russia

ELLIOT BERNERD. the millionaire property developer. is seeking to create Russia's first online lottery - with help from a former team from Lonrho, the hotels-to-sugar trading group. Terry Robinson, a one-time Lourho highflyer, has rounded up former Lonrho colleagues for the venture, which hopes to cashin on Russia's growing afflu-

ence (Jon Ashworth writes). ALEA Limited, a Bermudaregistered company controll-ed by Bernerd family trusts, is seeking to raise £32.4 million through a placing on the Altemative Investment Market. Most of the proceeds will be used to finance the Russian National Lottery, which is expected to "go live" in about eight months.. Equipment and personnel will be provid-ed by EssNet, a Swedish lottery company. It was re-cently appointed to upgrade the Littlewoods Pools han-dling systems in the UK.

George Walker, Kevin and lan Maxwell, are among other UK business personalities to target Russia.

NatPower and United Gas in legal fight over supply

INDUSTRIAL COMRESPONDENT

ROW between National Power and United Gas over gas supplies has escalated into a multimillion pound legal battle that will be closely watched by companies locked into contracts to buy at prices higher than the current mar-

The generator has served writs demanding £20 million

BRITAIN'S holiday com-panies have expressed concern

that the Office of Fair Trading

is taking far longer than

expected to publish its findings

into the travel industry (Mari-

The inquiry was launched

more than a year ago amid allegations that the largest

anne Curphey writes).

running dispute over gas that it says United is contracted to

Yesterday the Court of Appeal overturned a summary judgment that had ruled in favour of National Power over disputed gas supply worth £6 million from the generator to United Gas, a division of UtiliCorp of the US.

But the new judgment, which will trigger a full hear-

companies were guilty of anti-competitive behaviour, a

charge the OFT dismissed

The two largest companies.

Thomson and Airtours, have

both been seen several times.

Both own airlines and travel

agencies and together control 50 per cent of the British

the sum, comes only days after National Power served a fresh writ for £10.6 million. The remaining £2.3 million of the E6 million under initial dispute has been assigned to National Power.

It is expected that all the writs will be wrapped up in the one hearing that could take up to 18 months. United Gas disputes delivery of the gas for which it has been

holiday market. They are

believed to be prepared to give ground to avoid a refer-

ral to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission.
The inquiry has focused on the relationship between the

tour operating companies and their high street travel shops;

the practice of requiring cus-

that expired last month. United had said that deliveries made by National Power were not in accordance with the supply agreement and that the generator's refusal to explain a delivery statement constituted a breach of contract.

Overturning the summary judgment Lord Justice Hobhouse said: "The explanations given by National Power of the relevant December deliv-

tomers to buy expensive in-surance policies to qualify for

discounts and special offers;

the commission the agencies

charge to outside tour opera-

tors in return for displaying

their brochures; and bonus

payments allegedly made to staff to encourage them to sell in-house packages.

a full hearing. United Gas said it was also confident of SUCCESS.

contradictory.

The contract between National Power and United Gas sold gas for 20p a therm, while the current price has hovered about 8p to 9p a therm.

eries have changed frequently and have been self-

A spokesman for the gener-

ator said that it would pursue

the dispute with confidence at

The gas industry is awash with long-term contracts for the fuel at higher prices than it is currently trading at. British Gas is renegotiating its take-or-pay contracts with oil producers. It has exposure worth about £40 billion.

Industry observers say it can prove difficult to ascertain the transference and use of gas in the outcome of the dispute between National Power and United Gas may lead to clearer

News Corp | City 'at risk' expects 20% increase

BY GEORGE SIVELL

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, owner of The Times, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the current financial year "has opened in a promis-ing way". He said: "I am on record as

saying that we expect a 20 per cent increase in profit for the year. We still expect that and are still aiming for that during the coming year. However, should say that the first quarter may not be quite up to those expectations, but we will certainly be striving to make up any shortfall."

Mr Murdoch said: "We expect a very good year from our newspaper division in Britain. He told shareholders meeting in Adelaide, South Australia, that The Times "is at an alltime record in terms of circulation", and that "The Sunday Times has never been better".

He also said that News Digital Systems, which makes the smart cards used in satellite television, encryption and digital compression technology, will be floated in the two or three weeks as a separate company. It is based half in Britain and half in Israel. Around 20 per cent will be

if UK says no to EMU

MOST European businesses believe that if Britain stays out of European Monetary Union. Frankfurt will have surpassed the City of London as Europe's main financial centre within five years, according to the seventh annual survey on the relative strength of the two cities from Healey & Baker. the property consultant.

This is the first such survey to see Frankfurt overtaking London. A poll of 500 European board directors by Harris Research put two options. On the assumption that Britain enters EMU, 61 per cent of respondents said that the City would stay dominant and 26 per cent named Frankfurt. However, on an assumption

that Britain opts out of EMU. always beating Frankfurt.

The survey seems at odds lasting for at least a while.

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some cases. It is thought that guidelines over gas contracts.

By MARTIN WALLER

three times as many respondents saw Frankfurt as top financial centre within five years. In past polis, London has never fallen below 44 per cent of the vote in any circumstance,

with Continental firms moving activities to London, but Healey & Baker says these ex-pect some UK participation in EMU or London's dominance

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Standard Life offers deposit account

STANDARD LIFE, the UK's biggest mutual life insurer, is to introduce a deposit account paying interest of up to 5.4 per cent. However, it claims that it does not intend to follow Prudential's lead by launching a bank. The account is to be

Prudential's lead by launching a bank. The account is to be offered through a link up with Bank of Scotland and will initially be aimed at Standard Life's existing customers. The insurer hopes to encourage hundreds of thousands of policyholders with millions of pounds of maturing endowments to keep their money with it.

Standard Life hopes to attract, in the account's first year. £50 million of an estimated £700 million of maturities. It is offering interest of 4.5 per cent on balances of £1.000 to £9.999; the Halifax Building Society pays between 2.15 and 2.6 per cent. Peter Robertson, Standard Life assistant general manager, said: "Berause of our much lower operating costs, we can offer said: "Because of our much lower operating costs, we can offer rates which are significantly better than the those available from the high street branches of banks and building societies."

Boot builds profits

HENRY BOOT & Sons, the construction, housing and property company, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.9 million from £2.7 million in the half year to June 30 in spite of a decline in turnover to £75 million from £86.73 million. The company said it continued to adopt "a cautious and selective approach" to construction contracts. Turnover will continue to run at current levels for the foreseeable future, the company said. Earnings were 7.8p a share, up from 7.3p. The interim dividend is lifted to 2.1p a share from 1.95p. The company said unsatisfactory conditions prevail in its markets.

Jefferson outlet falls

A STEEP decline in container prices slashed profits at Jefferson Smurfit Corp. the 46.5 per cent owned associate of Dublin's Jefferson Smurfit paper and packaging group. The US corporation yesterday reported a dramatic fall in third-quarter profits to \$22 million (\$0.20 per share) from \$77 million (\$0.70 per share) for the same period last year. Sales slipped to \$834 million from \$1.1 billion. For the first nine months of 1996 the company earned \$102 million compared with \$182 million last year. Sales slumped to \$2.6 billion from \$3.1 billion for the first nine months of 1995.

E&Y to open books

ERNST & YOUNG is to follow the lead of KPMG earlier this year and become the second of the UK's top accountancy firms to reveal full financial figures. KPMG, in an attempt to circumvent problems of parmership liability, was the first when its audit division became a plc in January. Ernst & Young plans to publish its report and accounts early in December, Nicholas Land, senior partner, said: "People will be able to see a full set of financials." Unlike KPMG, which included actional colored and actions are actions as a second action actions are actions as a second action actions as a second action actions are actions as a second action action actions are actions as a second action actions are actions as a second action action action action action actions are actions as a second action included notional salaries and profit share because of its plc status. Ernst & Young will reveal simple partnership figures.

IAWS advances 14%

IAWS GROUP, the agribusiness based in Dublin, lifted pretax profits 14 per cent to Ir £18.5 million in the year to July 31, helped by steady growth in all divisions. IAWS, which owns the Shamrock Foods distribution network in Dublin, and has fertiliser, animal feed, and fish protein production operations in the Republic of Ireland and the UK, said turnover rose 8 per cent to Ir £554 million. Earnings rose 16 per cent to Ir 11.8p a share. A final dividend of Iri.53p makes a total of Ir2.9p, up 10 per cent. Philip Lynch, chief executive, said the company had invested Ir£10 million over the past year.

Homes starts increase

UK housebuilding activity picked up significantly during the third quarter of 1996, according to the National House Building Council. NHBC figures show that more than 40,700 applications were made to start new homes during the period, an 8 per cent increase over last year. Growth was higher in September with private sector activity rising 24 per cent, the largest monthly increase since May 1994. During September sales of new homes, at 616, increased by 8 per september sales of new homes, at 616, increased cent over the same month last year.

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Texas suffers \$148m loss

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, battered by plunging prices for computer memory chips, said it would offer early retirement to 5,300 employees to cut costs after suffering a \$148 million loss in the third quarter. The loss was attributed to an exceptional charge of \$192 million arising from the acquisition this year of Silicon Systems. Excluding the charge, third-quarter net income plunger to \$44 million from \$289 million. Revenues declined to \$2.84 billion from \$3,43 billion in the third quarter of 1995.

Finnish inflation rises

FINLAND, whose currency joined Europe's exchange-rate mechanism this week, said yesterday that its annual inflation rate had increased slightly to 0.5 per cent in September, from 0.4 per cent the previous month. In September last year. Finland's annual rate of inflation was 0.3 per cent, according to the Government's statistics agency, which said that a 13.6 per cent increase in gasoline prices was the major factor behind the higher inflation, although partly offset by lower

CSX buys Conrail

CSX Corporation of Richmond, Virginia, the international transport company, has agreed to pay \$8.4 billion in cash and shares for Conrail Inc, the Philadelphia railway operator. The deal will create one of the world's biggest freight companies, serving the eastern half of the United States from Chipme and New Orleans to Rosson, New York and Miami Chicago and New Orleans to Boston, New York and Miami. The company would have annual revenues of more than \$14 billion, serving shippers in 22 states with a 29,645-mile (47,707 kilometres) system.

Australian PM reviews ownership rules

Share furore hits ministers

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA faces a share ownership scandal after a sec-ond government minister was forced to resign for holding shares in a company within his area of responsibility.

Two other ministers, including Peter Costello. Treasurer. came under fire for owning shares that could present a conflict of interest, fuelling talk of further resignations.

Brian Gibson, Parliamentary Treasury Secretary, stood down yesterday after it vesterday after it emerged that he held shares in Boral, a building materials group, while granting an ex-emption that gives Boral Energy access to the Victorian electricity futures market.

His departure came two days after Jim Short, Assistant Treasurer, resigned after it was revealed that he had granted a banking licence to a subsidiary of ANZ while holding shares in the group. Australia's opposition party is demanding the resignation

of John Moore, the Industry Minister, who revealed yes-terday that he had not yet sold 43,000 shares in Bligh Ventures, an investment company he founded, because he could not get a high enough price are an embarrassment to John Howard, the Prime Minister, who personally introduced a code of conduct for shareholdings on taking office in March in an attempt

to improve public confidence. The code states: "Ministers are required to divest them-selves of all shares and simi-lar interests in any company or business involved in the area of their portfolio respon-sibilities." Mr Howard yesterday said he was looking at changing the code to allow "blind" trusts so ministers can hold shares without them causing a conflict of interest.



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three years in advance, the water

regulator has his defensive um-

brella in place, whatever slings and arrows the campaign outra-

geously throws at him. When-

ever Labour complains or the

Tories promise, he is already

dealing with it, even if the

Water shares initially fell ves-

terday, sensing that an early an-

nouncement might mean early

shocks. Far from it. It is in-

conceivable that any regulator would forgo a built-in option to

review a ten-year price regime

half way through. Imagine the

political opprobrium, or the line

of questioning on the Today programme, if the Director-Gen-

eral decided to sit on his hands

for five years,
The first review, announced a

few months earlier in the cycle, cut average annual real price

rises allowed for 1995 to 2000

from nearly 4 to 1.4 per cent, even

though the EU had piled on an

extra £24 billion capital spending

in between. Second time round,

the process should be faster but

Mr Byatt will have to work hard

to turn real price rises averaging

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poised to raise £11m

under way on Friday. Shares are being placed with institutional investors at 100p each. Net proceeds of £10,9 million will be used by the company to market its oped by competitors. internet transmission pro-

utive chairman, is the former controller of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. He primarily employs Israel Defence Force military programmers in their early

Mr Byatt opens his umbrella

☐ Water review is blessing in disguise ☐ EMU-less London the loser ☐ Investors hold key to payoff payments

to power, the existence of a timetable may deter instant unwise action from Frank Dobson, who is hostage to his own preelection rhetoric. Mr Byatt is already making things easier, talking more about leakages and less about metering as the way to

Mr Dobson's claim, that water companies are not investing as much as they are being paid to. had some statistical backing in 1994-95. Imminent new figures will show if companies again spent under budget because of savings on capital costs, as they planned. If so, Mr Byatt will have more to transfer to customers along with operating savings and, in the current regulatory fashion, challenging targets for future savings. But he will need to guard against expensive new demands floating around in Brussels.

Water companies must expect a tougher line. Unlike gas or telephones, their shares have outperformed the index since privatisation, despite dodgy periods before the last election and the last review - which will doubtless recur. This will count against them until customers enjoy falling prices as well as reliable supplies.

At least this regulator does not believe in the euthanasia of the shareholder, which is implicit in Ofgas's approach to the comparable Transco monopoly, or Offer's new line on National Grid. Companies have plenty of time to make their own price offers to customers, as one or two did last time. They would be wise to do so.

One might bravely agree to take on inflation risk and offer customers stable cash prices. That is something even the toughest regu-

A tale of two cities

☐ HARD to credit, as you sit furning on a becalmed Circle Line this morning, but continental businessmen rather like London's public transport. In surveys it regularly comes up as one of the main selling points to firms thinking of locating there.

The tastes of foreigners are

PENNINGTON-



fathom, and now a majority apparently regard London as inhabitable without European Monetary Union, according to research from Healey & Baker, the property consultants.

The methodology at least is rather more stringent than the usual Euro-waffle. The basic survey was carried out with a good sample of executives across Europe including the UK. Healey & Baker then followed this up with questions to a smaller number of their continental clients in financial services alone, asking just why London should potentially have slipped behind Frankfurt as their ideal place of work.

The reasons were threefold,

was putting out signals that it wanted to remain offshore, while onshore was where the real action was. Secondly, concern over the cost barriers that an offshore business would have to surmount to become part of the onshore trading block. Thirdly, economic, in that the Maastricht

low interest rate environment within the EMU, with Britain presumably a high-spending, high-borrowing fringe player by contrast. Businessmen, understandably, prefer the former even if they might have to pay all their employees a higher wage under the social chapter. The easy conclusion is that

criteria meant a low inflation,

half or more of the financial services community would decamp to Frankfurt the day that Prime Minister Sir James Goldsmith announced we would be staying out of EMU. Wrong, both because those firms couldn't - the total workforce in Frankfurt is only just equal to that of the City of London, and the available office space is half that of London as a whole - and because they won't. But it does suggest that the bickering over

Europe is having an unsettling effect on businessmen. In which case they will just have to cope at least until the general election.

A raspberry to Greenbury

□ JURIES are easily swayed, but a High Court judge can never be influenced by the opinions of a mere newspaper. It is therefore safe to say that if John Clark, former BET boss whose suit against Rentokil for wrongful dismissal should conclude today, gets away with it he will be in a league of his own.

This is no comment about the merits of his case. But he would shoot straight to the top of the table of big compensation pay-outs made so far this year, whereas if he were forced to rub along on the measly amount on offer from Rentokil he would have to be content with fourth or fifth place. The most depressing aspect of such a table, compiled by the indefatigable PIRC, is its incompleteness. Not only will the odd payment have slipped through the cracks - several

have been announced in the few days since it was compiled -many are simply not tracked in any public document. Had Mr Clark decided to slink away with the sum Rentokil had agreed, it would never have been revealed to either sets of shareholders, but simply rolled up into the cost of the acquisition.

There is plenty of evidence that the crackdown on this particular aspect of corporate greed predated the publication of the Greenbury report. As ever, it is up to individual shareholders rather than voluntary codes to limit such greed by their own actions, or accept it with as much good grace as they can muster.

Matching accounts

PROBABLY the weirdest personal finance product ever dreamed up comes from Hong-kong Bank in Mauritius. Apparently Mauritians are mad about British football but generally all teams save for Liverpool — no, I am not making this up - and Manchester United. The bank has produced two separate accounts, linked to each club. Each point gained in the Premiership puts 0.01 per cent on the interest rate earned by their respective supporters. Just as well no one chose Blackburn Rovers, or they might end up paying the bank.

Inchcape halts float and sells Bain Hogg to Aon

AON, the international insurance broker, has snapped up Bain Hogg, the insurance subsidiary of Inchcape, just about £130 million, although hours before it was due to be topped £250 million. Howdemerged and floated on the ever, Bain Hogg has had a poor year so far, with pre-tax The deal is the latest stage in profits falling almost £5 milion to £20 million in the first

Incheape's plan to clear hundreds of millions of pounds in debts. Only three weeks ago Inchcape said it would probably demerge Bain Hogg in order to reduce group

borrowings.
Aon. the second biggest insurance broker in the world and with a market capitalisation of \$6 billion, paid £160 million for Bain Hogg. Incheape said it expected to shoulder an exceptional loss of £195 million, most of which

By CARL MORTISHED

SAGA PETROLEUM, the in-

tion, the North Sea explora-

tion arm of Kuwait Petroleum

Santa Fe, whose assets are

thought to be worth \$1 billion.

is being auctioned by Robert

geois, Santa Fe's managing director, said: "Saga is evalu-

ating the company at the moment, but they have not

with other major oil com-panies, thought to include Enterprise Oil and Arco, the

million barrels, and interests in

25 offshore blocks in Ireland. It

has a 40 per cent share in Enterprise Oil's Corrib North

Well in Ireland, which last

week made a gas discovery.

made a formal offer yet." Saga would be competing

Analysts had put Bain logg's value at demerger at

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of Inchcape, said: "For some months now we have believed that demerger was the most likely route for the divestment of Bain Hogg. However, having secured a price significantly above the value we expect the market to place on the company if demerged. I am convinced that the disposal to Aon represents the best value for our

continue to use Bain Hogg as received a number of apa brokerage service on a worldwide basis.

For the demerger. Inchcape would have needed to put £13 million into Bain Hogg to give it sufficient capital, while restructuring costs would have been a further £20 million. One analyst said: "The price is slightly disappointing. Another £20 million would have been nice."

Aon has a strong US presence but little exposure to the UK insurance market. Staff numbers in the combined operation will probably be curt: Bain Hogg employs about 4,500 people worldwide and Aon's UK activities have a 3.000 workforce.

Philip Cushing, Inchcape's

up shop in Dublin BOOTS the Chemist is to open its first store in the Republic of Ireland next month and is planning to open a further four within proaches, and though he dethe next few years (Eileen McCabe writes). clined to give names, both Aon

The Republic's first Boots The Chemist store, costing £3.6 million, will be in the new Jervis shopping centre in the heart of Dublin and will employ 150 people. Next year two smaller Boots outlets employing 60 people will be opened in Tallaght and Dun Laoghaire on the outskirts of Dublin. Boots said it was also

Boots sets

negotiating to spend a total of £3.25 million on opening a store in each of the two out-of-town shopping developments now under construction outside Dublin that together would employ

Superscape soars on Microsoft deal

BY NOEL FUNG

SHARES of Superscape VR. the virtual reality company, rose 162 p to 565p yesterday on news of a worldwide licensing and distribution agreement with Microsoft.

Superscape's Internet 3D web browser, called VIS-CAPE, will be included in Microsoft's Internet Explorer Starter kit, which will be distributed to all new Windows 95 users. Users will be given a 60day trial period before deciding to pay for an upgrade to a full version of VISCAPE.

John Chiplin, Superscape's chief executive, said: "The agreement gives us a level of distribution we could not even dream of before."

The Microsoft agreement was announced as Superscape disclosed an increase in pretax losses to £2.87 million from £1.75 million for the year to share (30.7p loss). There was again no dividend. Losses were attributed to substantial investment in staff, marketing and the development of new products. Mr Chiplin said: We could have reported a profit last year. But we prefer to keep building the infrastructure to get the market while it is still young."

had a roller-coaster ride this year. They rose strongly from a flotation price of 194p in April last year to 780p in February but plunged in April to 605p when the company warned of higher losses. Mr Chiplin said the com-

cany would continue its strategy of teaming up with leading technology companies and investing for the future. He said more announcements of alliance would be made over the

Gehe sells drugs interests

GEHE, the German pharmaceutical wholesaicr that is waiting to hear if it may re-bid for Lloyds Chemists, has sold its generic drug manufacturing operations for DM1.2 billion (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Gehe has sold four separate groups and its majority stake in a fifth unit. The largest single operation. Azupharma, has been sold to Sandoz, the Swiss chemicals and drugs giant, for DM640 million

Karl-Gerhard Eick, finance officer, said the move was not directly related to Gehe's attempt to take over Lloyds. Gehe and UniChem are waiting to hear if the Department of Trade and Industry accepts they have found possible buyers for most of Lloyd's wholesaling business.

Luggage from Tie Rack Saga Petrol set to seek Santa Fe



For Roy Bishko it is a case of something different

and Alexander & Alexander,

its US rival, tabled bids last

year. Patrick Ryan, chairman

and chief executive of Aon

Corporation, said Bain Hogg

provided a good UK base and

a very strong platform for

further development on the

continent of Europe, in the Far

East, Latin America, the Ca-

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nent." Piers de Montfort.

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Stanley, who acted for Aon, said: "We were competing

against the demerger process

and our first meeting was only

two weeks ago."

TIE RACK, the accessories retailer, is expanding into a new business selling luggage with wheels and may open up to 25 outlets.

The company has been testing "The Rolling Luggage Company" for the past 18 months at Heathrow and Waterloo Station. By the end of this year, it expects to have five branches at Heathrow and to open its first outlet in

Lisbon, Portugal.
Roy Bishko, chalrman, said: We are not looking at creating another Tie Rack, we are adding it on." The business, in which the company has invested about £250,000, was already profitable, said Mr Bishko, and was a way of building on Tle Rack's exper-tise in airport retailing. He was speaking as the company revealed a 23 per cent jump in interim profits.

Tie Rack made a £604,000 pre-tax profit in the 28 weeks to August 11, compared with £490,000. Sales were up 17 per cent at £48.7 million, although like-for-like sales growth was "between 0 and 5 per cent". Mr Bishko said: "So far in the second half, trading is generally satsifactory."

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Share rise ready for pause after new high

was showing signs of running out of steam last night and is expected to open lower across the board when trading resumes this morning.

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As one leading market-maker told The Times: "The market is starting to look tired after a good run and everybody has got stock. The options are due to expire later this week and there are a lot of open positions out there."
The FT-SE 100 index extend-

ed its record-breaking vesterday, but with the Dow Jones average dipping back below 6,000 in early trading, the gains in London were quickly halved. The index ended 12.1 points higher at a new closing high of 4,050.8.

Blenheim, Britain's biggest exhibitions company, raced up 23p to 49612p as United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express, emerged as the long-awaited bidder. Its agreed offer of 500p a

share values the entire group at £592 million, but hopes that an auction for Blenheim would develop have been dashed. VNU, the Dutch publisher, which last week bought 14.9 per cent stake in Blenheim, has thrown in the towel. Reed Elsevier is believed to have pulled out of bid talks with Blenheim last week. UN&M closed 40p higher at

The water companies took a numble after Ian Byan, the industry regulator, announced that he was bringing forward his price review by five years to 1999. Among the losers were Anglian, lip to 5421ap. Hyder, 171ap to 695p, Severn Trent, 612p to 59712p, Thames, 5p to 54712p, United Utilities, 9p to 580p and Yorkshire, 1012p to 60512p. Vessex Water also tumbled 1912p to 325p on reports that WMX, the old Waste Management Group, may dispose of

its 20 per cent stake. Royal Bank of Scotland dropped 13p to 52212p as BZW turned seller. It has cut its pretax profit forecast from £709 million to £675 million because of increased competition for its Direct Line insurance subsidiary.

Profit-taking left Manchester United 26¹2p left lower at 53212p although City speculators are rejuctant to rule out the possibility of a bid. Whitbread, 12p firmer at 69612p and even IMG, the



Water shares fell as Ofwat's Ian Byatt revealed new plans

international marketing group headed by Mark Mc-Cormack, have been tipped as potential suitors. But the Manchester United board still controls more than 20 per cent of the shares and that seems to rule out the prospect of an aggressive bid being made.

Commercial Union ran into profit-taking after its re-

cent speculative run, with the

discounting was taking its toll on margins and revenue. BSkyB, the satellite television company 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, continues to go from strength to strength. The price edged towards the 700p level, touching

a high for the day of 683p

before ending 18p dearer at a

new high of 67612p on turn-

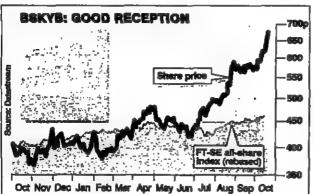
Standard Chartered fell ISp to 693 ap as its own broker Cazenove turned seller. It has told clients it has become cautious about the Far East loan book and that the shares are starting to look expensive. Brokers say Standard is due to talk to institutional shareholders soon, but nothing new will emerge from the meeting.

price ending i2p below its year's high at 663p. Brokers have been discounting claims that the group is in talks with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, about a possible merger.

Smith & Nephew dropped 4³4p to 206³4p after BZW turned seller of the stock. Analyst Steve Plag warned that the group's markets in the US were fiercely competitive and "ferocious", and said that

over of almost seven million shares. It follows a bullish statement to shareholders by Rupert Murdoch at News Corp's annual meeting at which he painted a bright picture of prospects for satellite television. He said: "With regard to BSkyB's profit this year, it will be up again."

Incheape, the international trading group, rose 412p to 28412p after finally announc-



Hogg insurance broking arm for £160 million to Aon. But the deal is likely to dilute Inchcape earnings and BZW has accordingly reduced its forecast by £15 million to £175 million. Confirmation of the sale left Willis Corroon 212p lighter at 1271 and Sedgwick 4p easier at 117p. It had been previously thought that Aon would make a move

Tie Rack, the niche retailer, received the thumbs-up to half-year figures showing better than expected pre-tax profits of £604,000 compared with £490,000 for the corresponding period. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, was thinking of raising its profit number for the full year by £300,000 to £8.8 million.

A profits warning left Wakehourne nursing a fall of 412p at a five-year low of 16p after the group said that second-half results would be well short of expectations.

A profits setback at the halfway stage left AF Bulgin 9p lower at 5912p, and the 'A' 134p easier at 1312p. Henry Boot finished 1'2p lighter at 22712 after a modest increase in profits at the half-way stage.

GILT-EDGED: The
London market got off to a
flying start, reflecting the
benefits of a stronger pound and Far East support over-

night for Euror an markets. The record run on the equity market has directed attention towards index-linked issues where the Bank of England issued further stock which was quickly snapped up. This included £i50 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2001 and E150 million of Treasury Index Linked 212 per

All eyes are now focused on next Tuesday's dual auction which will include £2 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 and £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015.

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THE most surprising comment on United News & Media's takeover of Blenheim yesterday came from Lord Hollick. The chief executive of United said that in June his board had decided that 500p a share was not too much to pay for the exhibitions group. Unfortunately, the rest of the world believed that United was dissuaded from bidding in the summer because the price was too high.

Clearly, there has been a misunderstanding. But the long-running City soap opera was brought to a head by the intervention of VNU. the Dutch publishing group that last week bought a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim. VNU. which was prepared to raise its stake to 30 per cent but not to make a full offer, now seems content to retire gracefully from the battle.

Blenheim deserves its shareholders' congratulations for confounding the sceptics and

Thanks to its determination, or perhaps thanks to VNU, United is paying a full price, but one that can be justified. Blenheim fits well with Miller Freeman. United's exhibition business, and a merger should yield cost savings. Miller runs a successful trade publications business, which helps to stimulate the successful trade publications business. ate attendance at its exhibitions. With the full benefit of Blenheim's reorganisation still to emerge and its biggest biennial exhibitions coming up in 1997. United should comfortably achieve its target of improving earnings in the first full year.

Blenheim is United's first big acquisition since the merger with MAI - one reason why the company may have dithered. Yesterday's share price bounce suggests that the market reckons the price for waiting was not too high.

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A HAVEN FROM THE ECU?

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Sterling

THE MOST reassuring explanation for the rise and rise of sterling is that there isn't one but many. One is the proposition that currency investors are fleeing a mark that is to be impaled on the rack of European monetary union in 1999. With fringe currencies likely to be founder members of EMU, investors are piling into the currency of that offshore

ted Kingdom. Some support for that view is found in the stronger gilt month the yield on the long gilt has fallen from 8 per cent

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to 7.5 per cent. However, if investors genuinely took such long-term views of currencies, there would be little need for European monetary union. The market is focused on the

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Inchcape SIX MONTHS is a long time

in the insurance market. In the spring, Bain Hogg was being valued at £250 million, but yesterday Aon took the broker off Inchcape's hands for £160 million. According to Incheape, this was in spite of approaches from several interested parties. Puzzied shareholders must be wondering which earthquake

swallowed £90 million. Part of the discrepancy between the two valuations can be blamed on tough trading conditions. Insurance companies, particularly those weighted towards the retail market, have experienced pressure on their margins, and rates are not

Bain Hogg's recent performance has been poor, and its first-half profits slipped by £5 million, to £20 million. The City, which insurance companies, would not have given a Bain

DOLLAR RATES

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Inchcape reckons that its shareholders are more interested in distribution than insurance. Many of them would have sold out of Bain Hogg immediately, depressing the share price. In such circumstances, a trade sale is the best of a bad bargain.

JD Sports

PARENTS who resent paying fancy prices for their kids' trainers might consider a share in John David Sports. A decade ago, the craze for designer sportswear looked temporary, but brands such as Nike, Fila and Lacoste have prospered. Television advertising and sponsorship have imprinted the brands in the heads of the young and impressionable. Add in the growing popularity of spectator sports, and the designer sportswear industry has con-

According to Datamonitor, the sports clothing market has grown at a compound annual rate of 10.4 per cent in the period 1991-95 and at 18 per cent in 1995.

JD Sports, which joins the market on Monday with a placing of 30 per cent of its shares, has been riding on the back of this particular wave. The company abandoned sports equipment in the mid-eighties and now concentrates on pushing clothes and footwear through its 61 shops.

The 285p-a-share placing rice represents a multiple of 27.7 times historic earnings. Although still below the rating of JJB Sports, its nearest quoted rival, the confusingly named JD Sports has chosen an ambitious valuation. Private investors seeking to jump in after Monday's launch may like the clothes and the concept but should be aware that they will be a small voice in a restricted market. It would be unwise to bid much above the

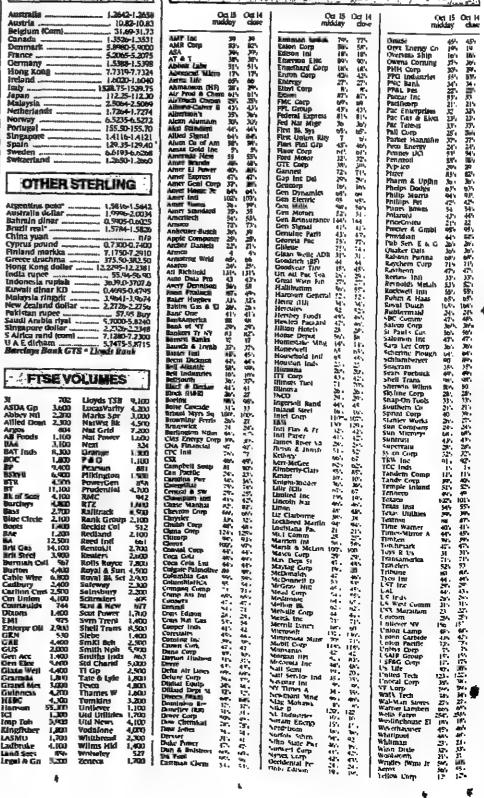
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Vacant spot for Internet expert

AFTER his run-in with the Bank of England last week Lord Mancroft probably knows more than most about the problems of Internet hanking. What a pity that he will not now he sharing this know-ledge with visitors to the Offshure 2000 conference in London next month. Lord Mancroft - who, in spite of a lack of banking experience, found himself chairman of the European Union Bank - was due to take part in a panel discus-sion of the impact of the Internet on offshore financial services. But even before the Bank of England started warning sav ers to treat EUB with extreme caution, it seems he had decided to pull out. The conference organiser, Philippe Gelin, has tried to get a more technically knowledgeable speaker from EUB - so far without success. "There's not much response from the bank in Antigua," he said. Now there's a surprise.

Last-minute deal

INCHCAPE took no chances with the disposal of Bain Hogg, its insurance broking subsidiary. Having announced it was planning to demerge the insurance business, it started talks with Aon, the giant insurance broker. But at 4am yesterday as the deal was about to be signed, listing prospectuses for Inchcape's 36,000 shareholders were rolling off the sses, just in case the sale fell through. "It was a last-minute deal, really grip-ping stuff," said Philip Cushing, Incheape group



"Perhaps it's time we had a price review"

FRANK FIELD, the MP who chairs the Social Sec-urity Select Committee. has penned How to pay for the future: Building a stakeholders welfare, on how to reform pensions and savings. But it seems he could do with a little funding help himself. "I've paid for the book to be published." he said at its launch in the Commons yesterday. *and I'd like sales to cover the cost."

New fax, old facts

THE British Airways Ger-man subsidiary had a bad day yesterday. First a business paper reported BA would haive its operations in the fatherland. Then an employee unwittingly made himself the ideal candidate for being restructured and outsourced. The nameless man faxed out a year-old press release announcing that BA was inviting bids for 60 new

Sharp dressers

JOHN WARDLE and David Makin, respectively the founding chairman and chief executive of JD Sports, who will become multimillionaires on Monday when 30 per cent of the company is floated. wore sharp City suits yes-terday to address investors and the press. In the company offices and shops, however, they wear the labels that have made them rich. Mr Makin, 32, whose favourites are Lacoste and Nike, said that he is not be found wearing that fetching Eighties item, the shell suit. However, he conceded: "I may wear one in the year 2000, when they come back into fashion."

Water, water everywhere but never a drop in price

The Ofwat review signals a demand

for the industry

to improve, says **Christine Buckley**

he fresh review of water prices will go a little way to stem the recriminations that have welled up around the industry. But only by a little.

Last summer's drought, after one of the wettest winters on record, brought restrictions and heaped public approbation on the water companies, including Yorkshire Water which put local hospitals on emergency alert for rota cuts while allowing 33 per cent of its resources to leak away,

Elsewhere hosepipes were declared it luxury while some customers were poisoned by their water company's outpourings and incensed environmentulists complained of dirty beaches. To add insult to injury water bills have risen steeply on the back of a formula that is designed to foster investment. Meanwhile, the shares of water companies have raced ahead in the markets andshareholders have benefited from handsome dividend payouts,

According to the Labour Party, and a host of consumer groups, the water industry has been descending into farce. For them water has been the worst offender in terms of customer service and cost among the privatised utilities, while the companies have amassed large sums of cash to reward investors or to buy other companies.

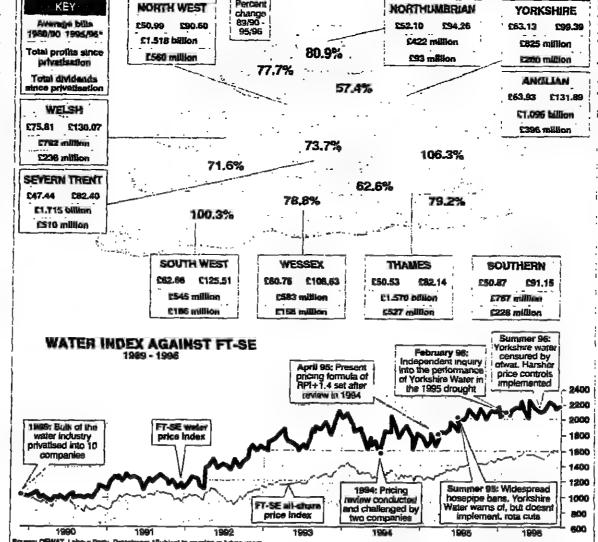
Small wonder that Labour has mounted a concerted attack on the water companies since last summer's drought. It has been at the heart of the party's criticism of the performance of the privatised utilities and a primary justification for the windfall tax that Labour will impose on utilities if it forms the next government. According to Salomon Brothers, the brokers, the market is discounting a £5.4 billion tax

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, has fought a campaign against the framework under which the water industry was sold into the private sector and by which the City has made its investments. A recent report highlighted a write-off of debts of £5 billion for the ten large water companies when they were privatised, tax allowances on £7.7 billion in assets and the freedom from mainstream corporation tax on core businesses.

since the sale of the regional companies in England and Wales they have produced profits of £10 billion and have paid out dividends of £3 billion.

According to the Centre for Regulated Industries, unmeasured water bills

 the majority of bills covering those households not on meters — have risen more than 77 per cent across England and Wales since the ten largest companies were sold in 1989 and joined the 19 smaller private companies already in commercial hands. Within that band of price rises, some regions, including Anglian, South West, Folke-stone and North Surrey, have seen AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BILLS, PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS



their bills more than double. In a naturally monopolistic industry price controls are all the more crucial to deliver the customer benefits that competition might be expected to produce.

Increasing prices in water have been excused by the regulatory guidelines and by the companies as a means to fund the large amounts of investment

the network, and to produce water at the higher standards now dictated by Europe. Critics have argued, however, that investment generally is the domain of investors and that customers are being expenditure without the rewards they would expect if they

were investors. Along with pressure from Labour and consumer groups, who have pressed for tougher compensation penalties for poor service, the water industry will face further scrutiny this year when the Commons Public Accounts Committee reviews the performance of the regulators.

The all-party committee will question all the utility regulators on the back of a critical report from the National Audit Office, the public-sector watchdog. Political scrutiny in this

government will precede a greater shake-up of the regulatory process if Labour wins the next election.

Mr Byatt, whose review of the pricing controls ahead of the scheduled date had been largely expected ai-though its timing has been a surprise, is also seeking to exert tougher control over water supply, amid an increasing trend towards consolidation of water

businesses and links with other utilities. The merging of watpresent being proposed by Severn Trent and Wessex Water for South West Water: already achieved by the Lyonnaise des Eaux comparators by which the

regulator can determine pricing frameworks. The merging of water com-panies with electricity businesses, which has now produced three multi-utilities, further hampers the transparency of operations.

Mr Byatt, who has condemended such amalgamations on many occa-sions unless they can deliver sufficient customer benefits, is keen to fire warning shots to the effect that if companies can produce cost efficiencies by mergers they can also serve up

customer benefits through price

constraint. The reference in the announcement of the new review that Mr Byatt will b looking closely at the ability of the companies to maintain supplies and control leakage is a clear signal to the companies that they have three years - the date of the new review - in which to improve their performance to the customers. It is also a recognition that the shortages in supply of last summer had got out of hand. He is stipulating that if savings are made in the companies then a substantial amount must be ploughed

back into investment.

Mr Byatt's demands on the privatised water industry characterise the dichotomy of commercial public services. They are driven by pressure from the City to produce short-term is in the form of dividends and profit increases, while the long-term needs of water provision demands consistent and plentiful investment. Water, its critics would say, has proved notoriously short-term. The regulator needs to act to stop flagrant short-termism before the industry is further damaged in terms of its ability to do its

job and supply water.

After all, it is debatable whether hosepipes are indeed a household luxury. Without decisive action the laughable advice of Severn Trent to gardeners suffering from hosepipe bans to pave over their lawns may not seem quite so risible in future.

BUSINESS LETTERS

More British Gas tales of billing errors, delays and cut-off threats

From Mr R. A. Turner

Sir. My gas bill, although dated August 2, was actually delivered during the last week of August. Despite the meter having been read it was based on an excessive estimate. The red reminder arrived within a week, to be followed, on September 12. by a threatening letter, backdated to September 6, allegedly giving me seven days from that date to pay or be .

I found to my surprise that the local Gas show toom had closed and my attempts to contact British Gas at every telephone number i could find (surprisingly proved unsuccessful. On September 12 1 read

my meter, recalculated the bill and sent it with details of my calculations, my cheque and a letter of complaint. I am not too surprised that

but I have received a new bill confirming my calculation.

However, it included a fur-ther 42 days' standing charge (to September 13 instead of August 2), and curiously makes no mention of any payment being re-ceived. I will not pay the balance until I receive the next quarter's bill! Yours faithfully,

R. A. TURNER. 23 Owen Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex.

Truth or despair? From Mr Alan Robinson

Sir. In the light of the recent British Gas "new computer-ised" billing debacle how can Stuart Beadle (Business Letters, October 8) be sure his "new computerised communications system" is tell-ing him (and us) the truth? Yours faithfully ALAN ROBINSON. Old Orchard,

25a Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard,

Don't hinder Britain's successful utilities

From Mr Tom Derry

Sir. It seems there needs to be a major readjustment in thinking on the privarised unlities - particularly concerning British Gas and British Telecom, which have become major international players and companies of which the British can be proud in pulling profits successfully into this country. Regulation should only go so far in producing competition and not crush the viablity in he world arena and, indeed, in this country.

Labour has recognised the potential of BT and we should hope this parmership continues. BT. especially, provides a good service and has managed to produce some large profits, despite hefty regulation. We are not ashamed of other British companies whose accounts are firmly in the black. Let us not hinder success

stories too much. Yours faithfully. TOM DERRY, 2 Park Mansions. Prince of Wales Drive,

Leak from Lloyd's is welcome after traumas next year's Lloyd's AGM, for

From Mr Allan F. Hepburn

Sir. I really must take issue with Mr Robert Hiscox's letter (Business Letters, October 8), in which he implies that if the news about the bonus to be paid to the chairman of Lloyd's had not been leaked by a member of Council we would be totally unaware of the fact until such time as Lloyd's chooses to announce it publicly, for ratification at

example.
Why the need for secrecy in the interim? Surely after the

horrendous traumas at Lioyd's over the last ten years, there is a need for total transparency in these matters? Frankly, I am very glad Council of Lloyd's! Yours faithfully.

ALLAN F. HEPBURN. 57 Pier House, 31 Cheyne Walk, SW3.

Extension of Docklands Light Railway

From Mr Neil Sprinks

Sir, I welcome unreservedly the Docklands Light Railway extension to Lewisham. announced in your business section ("DLR link goes ahead", September 28).

However, I thought it strange that, in addition to mentioning journey times from Lewisham to Canary Wharf (a great improvement

mention a journey time from Lewisham to the City of 30 minutes: South Eastern Trains, ex-BR, already get you from Lewisham to Cannon Street in as little as 12 minutes! Yours faithfully,

NEIL SPRINKS, 2 Ragian Close,

Alternative urban sources are saving money, Susan Pape finds

The decision is a

recognition that

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Firms tap into underground supply

Tater source trials are being conducted by Coca-Cola & Cadbury Schweppes Beverages through a well recently sunk at its factory site in Wakefield, west Yorkshire. If the trials are successful, the drinks group will consider the opera-tional and commercial benefit of ab-stracting underground water for some of its production.

After two long, hot summers and an exceptionally dry winter, drought is an ever-present threat. Even as winter approaches, rainfall levels are reported to be the second-lowest in 200 years, reservoirs are not as full as they should be and hosepipe bans still affect some areas. Increasing numbers of businesses are looking at alternative means of water suuply and for many of them -like Coca-Cola & Schweppes - the answer could lie beneath their feet.

According to David Lerner, of the department of civil and environmental engineering, at the University of Bradford, millions of gallons of untapped water are trapped under the streets of Britain's towns and cities in aquifers. Tapping into such a supply would not only pay companies a fraction of what they pay for mains water, but would mean never having to suffer drought restrictions. "Groundwater under cities is a valuable resource that is not being fully utilised." Professor Lerner said.

It was a different matter at the turn of the century when the local industry in cities like Bradford took its private water supply from boreholes. "But the practice went out of fashion as factories closed, and the privatised water companies came into being. Boreholes were simply covered up, lost or forgotten." he said. Now Professor Lerner believes that companies facing further drought restrictions are looking once more for

possible supplies underground. Allied Colloids, the chemical manufacturer, found it was sitting on untapped reserves and sunk its first borehole in 1967. It now has three in use on the 50-acre site in Yorkshire, supplying 277,000 cubic metres of borehole water a year - ahout 30 per cent of its total



needs. Although there is a treatment, handling and management cost, the company reckons to save an average of £150,000 a year. Mike Beecher, environmental services manager, said the water contained more dissolved salts than the public supply, but was suitable for use

n cooling and cleaning processes.

"You have visions of a nice little well with a drawstring and bucket — but it's not like that at all. In fact, you wouldn't notice the boreholes if you didn't know where to look," he said. The water is pumped up via a discrete 12in hole and

fed along enclosed pipework to our treatment plant."

At Abbey National's head office in Baker Street, London, an underground spring discovered 50 years ago supplies all the building's water needs. Just over five million gallons a year are pumped to the surface and put to a variety of uses that include drinking and catering. Abbey National reckons to save about £15,000 a year by using its own supply at Baker Street. Steve Smith, building facilities controller, said spring water tasted better than mains. "And we don't

water must apply to the Environment Agency for a licence. Getting one is not a foregone conclusion. Much depends on the local geology and whether water is available — and in what quantity. John Aldrick, a groundwater protection prin-cipal at the EA, said the difficulty was knowing how much water was available. We know there's a lot but its almost impossible to put a figure on it and we are concerned about having large numbers of big users taking water from a small area. It would be like everyone draining the same bucket," he said.

However, Michael Price, a hydrogeo-logist at the University of Reading, believes there is a plentiful supply. "There is far more in the ground than there is in all the lakes and reservoirs put together," he said. "I'd like to see more efficient use made of it in conjunction with other water sources, but engineers like reservoirs - although they are expensive to build they are easy to understand. An aquifer doesn't cost you anything, but it is a more difficult concept. "However if climate changes are

going to bring wetter winters, and drier summers are predicted, water storage becomes very important. I would say that aquifers are the perfect storage places - and they are generally underneath towns and cities.

Professor Lerner's studies have taken him to Nottingham where unused groundwater levels are so high that flooding is a risk, a problem that also threatens some London basements, and to Merseyside, where underground water levels, kept down in the past by extensive use, are now rising.

"As we become more aware of pollution risks from sewage and industry, there is a tendency to abandon use this resource. But this leads to groundwater levels rising and causing geotechnical problems," he said. The hazards could be reduced by using the water for industrial purposes. Making full use of urban groundwater is surely a sound part in the development of the

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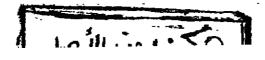
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The legal profession is experiincing quite a boom and the great najority of firms are expanding." ie says. One firm which advertised wo vacancies in January is now idvertising 34. "It is growing very

tion to recruit quality people with only a small number coming onto the market each week.

The legal world is still secretarial-intensive and "legal secretaries are considered the elite," Mr Ma-Television

grammes such as LA Law have given the legal world a sexier image. Niki Brooks, personnel manager at Linklaters & Paines, says that as the idea of legal secretaries as keyboardpushers fades, it is becoming something of a vogue career. "The work is more interesting. There are lots of legal secretaries

looking to get into it and

we are trying to tap into that market," she says.

After working in the media, the actuarial field and the Civil Service, Martha Kyriakides, 26. decided to change to law. She completed a sixweek course and within a few months was offered her first job with a small firm. "Having the course on my CV definitely helped," she says. "It took me a while to get used to it but within six months, firm. I was inundated with offers." Ms Kyriakides now works for Pinsent Curtis in London and regrets that she did not consider working in law earlier. Isadora Ferrao, 23, agrees. She

was persuaded to try after listening to friends talk about how much they loved Work is their jobs. Now with Clifford Chance in the City, she understands very busy.

why. "The work is very

busy and demanding. I'm swept I'm swept off my feet most of the time, but I off my feet like that," she says. "We are also encouraged to most of do overtime, which I never was in banking." Legal secretarial salathe time' ries have always been

high and can be boosted with profit-related pay. A survey by the Institute of Legal Secretaries will show salaries rising steadily since August last year, with London-based firms offering up to E30.000.

Rapid technological advances are influencing the way legal firms conduct their business. Many feeearners now have computers on their desks and the younger generation are comfortable drafting doc-

Nick Speed, a partner at Warner Cranston, all lawyers there have had their own computers for the last five years, "The level of competence varies," he says. "But most use them on a regular basis." Because of its cost-effectiveness

the typing done by secretaries will in future be reduced by half, says Christian Ankjaer, head of the legal division of Angela Mortimer, recruitment consultants. The quantity of paper generated by law firms means that progress will affect them more than other businesses, but this could work to a secretary's advantage: "Being a legal secretary is a good career because it means working at the forefront of technology in a very challenging and demanding field," he says.

Dan Bindman, Infotech Correspondent on The Law Society Gazette, concurs. "I suspect there will still be plenty of work for legal secretaries. They are often the only ones making full use the computers," he says. Computer-literate lawyers have

to have proactive secretaries, says Gill Mobsby, personnel manager at Freshfields, "It comes down to better interpersonal skills and being aware of how the dimensions of the office are changing."



Martha Kyriakides: inundated with offers after changing to law

Hunt is on for the pride of London

ALTHOUGH the high calihre legal secretary is greatly sought after, the qualities that firms demand are changing. No longer are they valued for typing speeds alone.

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Secretary of the Year competition will have to demonstrate dedication, flexibility, loyalty and the right attitude to work. Sarah Singer, general man-ager at London Law, which runs the award in association with The Times Creme de la Creme section, says that today's job comes with more responsibility and administrative duties. She expects the voice-activated computer to

start having an impact too. The competition was set up in 1994 with the intention of finding the top legal secretary in the capital. Applications for next year's winner will be accepted until the end of the year by London Law (0171 600 5600) and the judging will be in February, when seven finalists will have to deliver a speech on a law-related

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A string quartet setting of Allen Ginsberg's Howl receives its British premiere next month ...



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Richard Hickox presides over a forward-looking 25th anniversary party for the orchestra he began



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Straight out of school, straight into the West End: two teenagers on the thespian road

A Howl for all seasons

Allen Ginsberg's poetry interpreted by a string quartet? Nigel Williamson reports

Quartet made its debut at New York's Carnegie Hall with Allen Ginsberg in 1994, the poet got very excited at the prospect of uttering four-lener words in that revered house of culture. "He was right. That's what it's all about," says David Harrington, the leader of the quartet, which for 23 years has been at the forefront of contemporary music, commissioning and performing some of the most

challenging music of our time. Harrington did not mean that either Ginsberg or the Kronos Quartet seeks to shock out of a mindless desire to outrage. He is far too purposeful for that. Shock, he believes, is a vital weapon in art, a device to break down barriers and destroy stultifying convention. "I don't subscribe to the idea that quartets consist of two violins, a viola and a cello playing in some cloister on a Sunday afternoon," he says. "That's not the music I know, whether it's Beethoven, Haydn or anything else. I have spent my career trying to bring the world we know into this medium called music."

One noted American critic has still never forgiven the quartet for following a performance of Berg's Lyric Suite with a medley of television theme tunes. "He cannot listen to anything we do since that and it was 15 years ago. We did it to make the event memorable, so I suppose we succeeded on one level Ginsberg has always had a

similarly iconoclastic attitude. The American poet once said of his best-known work, Howl. that he had set out to write a poem "so strong that a clean Saxon four-letter word might enter high-school anthologies permanently and deflate tendencies to authoritarian strong-arming".

He succeeded, and next month an extraordinary col-laboration of the iconoclasts, in which the Kronos Ouartet commissioned the composer Lee Hyla to set Howl to music,

FESTIVAL DETAILS

American Independents, "a celebration of the maverick voices of American music, dance, literature and visual art", runs at the South Bank Centre in London until November 19. Highlights include a London Sinfonietta series with John Adams conducting the premiere of his new Gnarly Buttons, and the UK premieres of two works by the late Frank Zappa. Other music ranges from John Cage and Charles Ives to Burt Bacharach, rock and modern jazz. Bookings and information: 0171-960 4242

the Festival Hall. It will be the climax of a month-long festival called American Independents that began on the South Bank this week (see box).

So why is a musical setting of a poem published 40 years ago the highlight of a programme showcasing contemporary America? Harrington has no doubt. "As time goes on. How! gets larger in its scope. Ginsberg described the poem as an emotional time bomb, and it is still going off continually. There are so many images that have be-American psyche that it is part of the American experience. And it is still relevant."

Ginsberg's nightmare vision of American society, which encapsulated the Beat philosophy, has continued to strike a chord with every new rebellious generation. Hyla, who set it to music, was one year old when Ginsberg wrote the 25-minute-long poem. Members of the Kronos Quartet were not much older. Yet the result of their collaboration is stunning, disturbing and beautiful at the same time. "I wanted music that chai-

composers — Diana Burrell, Priti Paintal, Minna Keal,

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lenged the words, that didn't necessarily put the poem on the back, but was arguing with it," says Harrington. Ginsberg was coaxed into

reading his greatest poem in a studio for the first time. Hyla's complicated score, with its elaborate timings which have the quartet cuing off rhythms and speech in the tent, had to be adapted during the recording as Cinsberg contributed to the process. "As a poet, he is like a performing musician." says Harrington. "You can feel his centre of energy. It was like piaying a quintet with a mas ter saxophone player, except that Allen's voice was the fifth

The Kronos Quartet has just released the studio recording of Howl on an album of highly political material, right down to the tattered and torn American flag by Robert Mapple-thorpe on the cover. Uniquely for the quartet, throughout the album the words enjoy equal spatus with the music. Also included are the chilling voice of former FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, with music by Michaci Daugherty, some found poetry in the inscriptions by

hobos on a fence-post 50 years ago in a composition by Harry Partch, and Scott Johnson's setting of the voice of L.F. Stone, the great liberal commentator. "It never started out as an

album," Harrington says. "We commissioned the works over five years and it only became clear much later that there was a larger sense of geometry to those pieces. Hoover had secret files on Ginsberg and I. F. Stone." Harrington and the Kronos

Quartet are relentiess promoters, patrons and performers of contemporary music, sound jurdies forever seeking new composers. There are currently 45 new works under commission and one sometimes wonders whether serious modern composition could even survive without Kronos.

Driving Harrington is his perfectionism. A quest for "the musical equivalent of Einstein looking for the theory that said everything. I would like to find an album that in this confined amount of time explains it all. To me, that is the challenge." In his search, Harrington

has left few musical avenues

Iconoclasts united: the Kronos Quartet and (front) Allen Ginsberg have collaborated on a musical setting of *Howl*

unexplored. The composers currently writing for Kronos come from every part of the world. Even as The Times interviewed him over breakfast. Harrington was enthusing about contacting a new composer in Russia whom he had been told about after the previous night's concert.

One of the quartet's most successful albums was Pieces of Africa, featuring compositions from Morocco, Uganda, South Africa, The Gambia and Sudan, While painters such as Modigliani and Picasso absorbed African influences. Harrington says it is "shameful" that Western musicians for so long ignored the continent's music. "Can you imagine what it would have been like if Beethoven had heard music from Zimbabwe, how different musical culture might have been?"

■ The Kronos Quartet are at the Festival Hall on Nov 19. Howl USA is available on None

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament ADAM CHALK, DANIEL PIRRIE

Age: Chalk (left) is IS. Pirrie is 19.

Profession: Actors.

Appearing in: New er The Sinner at the Arts Theatre in Covent Garden from tomorrow.

Aren't they a bit young for the West End? Indeed, but they are sickeningly mature and well adjusted. They have both just left school, as has the produc-tion. John Logan's 1985 courtroom drama Never the Sinner was staged by King's College School, Wimbledon, to celebrate its centenary. The produc-tion then scored a



great hit on the Edinburgh Fringe this summer. The boys' acting was described as "staggeringly good".

They must be jolly nervous: "I'm not too nervous," says Pirrie. Edinburgh was a great preparation. I had never done any lead acting before and I remember at the dress rehearsal I was hopeless, but it eventually went well." "I go very quiet and feel ill," says Chalk, "And my nerves go sky-high. So are they bonsai luvvies? Far from it - they even wear

jackets and ties for interviews. Being sensible lads they are going to get degrees first. Pirrie is to read English at Cambridge, and Chalk is going to Newcastle to read politics and East Asian studies. "A degree would be a good insurance policy," says Chalk. "I want three years of living the student life," says Pirrie, "After that it will be full steam ahead." "I'm a bit more cautious than you, Daniel," says Chalk.

They sound like a double act: To an extent, "We've been friends for eight years, and we're going travelling to the Far East and Australia during our year off."

Their schoolfriends must be seething with jealousy: "Everyone's been really happy for us and they are sharing in our success — they're coming from as far away as Newcastle to watch us. But nothing changes - we still go out to pubs in Wimbledon. It's not as if we're huge stars." Yet.

Are they similar to the characters they play? Adam: "I'm a bit more happy-go-lucky than mine — he's obsessive and has no time for those he considers his inferiors. I'm pretty different." Daniel: "My character is a charmer and a womaniser. I wouldn't say that I was too far from that."

GUY WALTERS

CONCERTS: Richard Hickox conducts an eclectic weekend of new works

Here is the new from London

THE NEXT three concerts by the City of London Sinfonia feature Beethoven, Schu-mann, Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach and Handel. Its members could be forgiven, then, for looking less than relaxed with free improvisation during their twenty-fifth anniversary weekend at the Barbican. Playing in the New. But it is an open-minded, flexible team, and if the programme lacked high radical ambition, Rich-

from their music. ard Hickox engendered a quiet sense of exploration. The JSE ROLLER BLADES OR A HELICOPTER -JUST GET THERE!"



provided by racheting woodblock and flutter-tongued cor anglais to Diana Burrell's voluptuous song cycle Dunkelhvide Mdnestrdler.

Burrell, the orchestra's composer-in-association, has set two impassioned poems by the Dane Tove Ditlevsen for con-

tralto, using the cor anglais to reveal the violence behind the poet's death wish, wrapped up as it is in seductive imagery. Simon Spear's New Ribbons, selected from the

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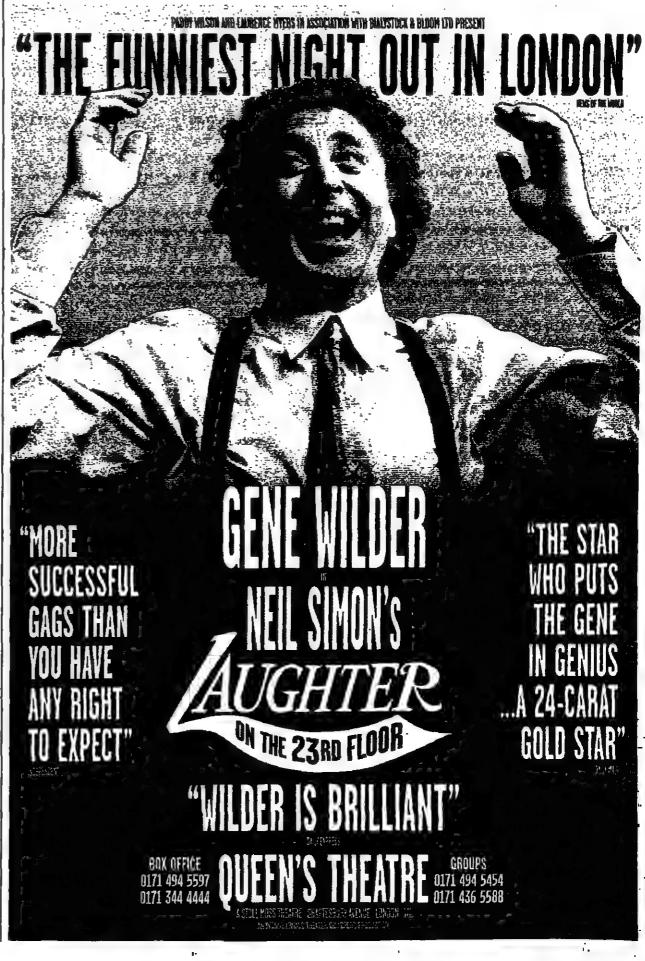
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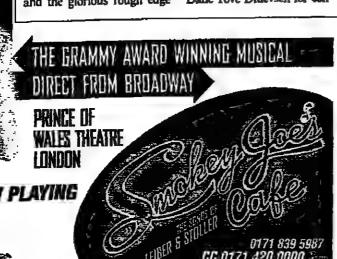
CLS has not yet found a balance between the two. Still, this was a weekend for 'playing in" the new in all senses. Some of these premieres deserve further warm-

HELEN WALLACE



Davies - form an eclectic lineup, sharing only an amiable approach to performers. One disappointment was Judith Weir's Two Human Hymns: the crafty metaphysical conceits of George Herbert and Henry King surely de-mand more than loveliness But if there was little to assault the ears, there were opportunities to revisit familiar sounds in new ways: the Richard Hickox showing "a quiet sense of exploration" eerie wail of a French horn keening off key beside sitar







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Last bill and testament

The Winans are taking their rousing contemporary gospel on a farewell tour, Clive Davis reports

seems only logical that the four brothers who make up the Winans, the most influential gospel performers of the age, should have learnt their craft in Detroit. Just as the city's most famous impresario, Berry Gordy, fused rhythm and blues and gospel in the forma-tive years of Motown, so the Winans - Marvin, Ronald, Michael and Carvin - have brought R&B sophistication to the sanctified music of the Pentecostal Church.

In the process, the group, who perform in Birmingham and London this week on their farewell world tour, have achieved the same degree of influence in gospel as Michael Jackson and his clan have exerted over pop.

But the acclaim and the Grammy Awards showered on the brothers have rekindled the old controversy over God and Mammon. Decades after Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin outraged their peers by abandoning the Church in pursuit of the mass market, the thought of mixing sacred and profane still arouses unease among the faithful.

The Winans have raised the debate to a new intensity. Are the brothers truly evangelising on behalf of what they call the

"unchurched" raised on music videos, drum machines and rap? Or are they selling their heritage short for the sake of the almighty dollar and a place in the charts?

Their sumptuously melodic albums have little in common with the raucous tradition of quartet singing established by such pioneers as the Dixie Hummingbirds. Even when performing explicitly religious lyrics, the Winans seem to have more in common with the stars of MTV than an oldtime preacher such as the late Rev James Cleveland.

The music historian Tony Heilbut has gone so far as to dismiss the contemporary school as "a combination of the temporary and the con". But he is also the first to admit that the new sound reflects, for better or worse, the changing tastes of the youth audience. As Marvin Winans, the

eldest of the brothers, recalls. the seeds of the new style were sown in 1969 with the international success of Oh Happy Day, by the Edwin Hawkins Singers. The youngsters had never been allowed to hear anything but traditional church music. Hawkins's million-seller hinted at an alternative path.

The Winans made their



Brotherly love: the Winans bring their devout message to the "unchurched" young artists, however, the record-

ings tell only part of the story. In the studio the brothers'

music is often reduced to

bland, formulaic fare. The real

business of testifying is left for

early records under the tutelage of another contemporary gospel pioneer, the singer and producer Andrae Crouch. Before long they had graduated to Quincy Jones's Qwest label and were working with artists and Michael McDonald. As with so many church

the stage. But with so many individual projects to consider Marvin Winans, for example, is pastor of his own ministry - the brothers have announced that they are to cease touring. A distinguished chapter in the gospel story ends this week.

The Winans appear at the Aston Villa Leisure and Sports Centre (0121-328 5377) tomorrow and at Wembley Conference Centre (0181-900 (234) on Friday and Saturday

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THE 65-year-old Texas-born tenor-sax player Dewey Redman is tacitum almost to a fault, and so self-effacing that in his one announcement of the evening he introduced himself rather poignantly as "Joshua Redman's

Producing a saxophone-playing son now probably more famous than himself is oddly typical of Dewey Redman. Although he is justly celebrated by aficionados of modern jazz for his work with fellow-Texan Ornette Coleman, and for the many fine recordings he has made, both with pianist Keith Jarrett and bassist Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra, his own personality is often hard to discern. The music produced by Redman's current quartet, which fea-tures planist Rita Marcotulli, bassist Cameron Brown and drummer Matt Wilson, is similarly understated.

Beginning with a slowly unfurling, aimost lazy version of Ray Noble's classic The Very Thought of You, the band seldom raised its tempo above an easy lope all evening, and was content to stick unwaveringly to the conventional mainstream-jazz format whereby solos are taken in strict rotation between the opening and closing

Redman, however, is a player whose strength lies in nuance rather than overt emotionalism; his apparent lethargy conceals considerable subtlety, and what he lacks in power and volume he more than makes up for with delicacy of touch.

Marcotulli, too, is an absorbing soloist, emulating her leader by taking highly individual routes through tunes' changes rather than indulging herself with dazzling runs. Brown and Wilson are whip-smart in support, suitably restrained, their power appropriately kept in check even when

CHRIS PARKER

Hip to the trip, man POP

Jamiroquai The Point, Dublin

WHAT Oasis are to Britpop Jamiroquai are to Britfunk, and their seemingly inexorable rise to the top can be explained along similar lines. Take a tried and tested musical genre pay due homage to its first principles and founding fathers, and crucially update it with a recognisable stamp all your own. It is this balancing of overtly populist instincts with the desire to shape, rather than follow, the form which holds the key.

Admittedly. Jamiroquai's claim to originality may go no further than Jason Kav's trademark hat and the Buffalo Man logo, but there's no denying that the infusion of cyber cosmic karma (such as on the closing

smash hit Virtual Insunity, or Cosmic Girl) into the otherwise cliched lyrics adds an interesting end-of-the-millen-nium chic to the affair.

will tell you that they just came to The Point to move on up and get on down. Taking that as a yardstick, one could not fault Jamiroquai's acid jazz-tinged groove machine. This was automatic soul for the people. A multitude of musicians filled the

brass section and didgeridoo player (the tireless Wallis Buchanan). A good deal of the new album, Travelling Without Moving, which still nestles comfortably in the bosom of the Top Ten, was given an airing, and although it was always going to be impossible to capture the slick, smooth production values which characterise Jamiroquai on record, nevertheless songs like Airight, High Times, and older favourites such as When You Gonna Learn? and Hollywood Swinging were performed with admirable gusto by the tight-knit band.

One can only wonder, though, what James Brown would make of it all ...

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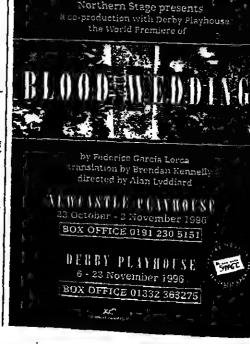
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Tough and ready: actor Ian Hart has risen fast by playing a succession of memorable cameos



THEATRE 1

David Mamet's early play, The Woods, receives its belated first British staging

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THEATRE 2

Less lust, more laughs: George Cole leads a politically correct revival of Lock Up Your Daughters



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CINEMA: Britain's busiest young actor

finds time to talk

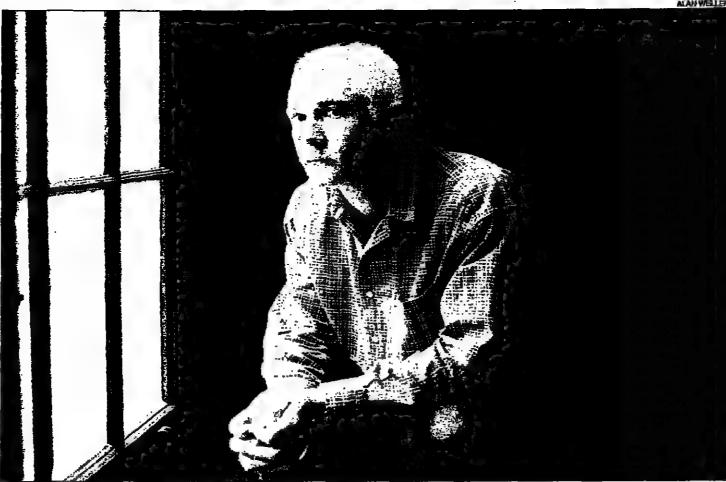
to Carol Allen

Tor an actor in a country where comparatively few films are made, Ian Hart seems to be in a remarkable number of them. Last year we saw him as the young schoolteacher in Clockwork Mice; as a shell-shocked First World War survivor in The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain: and playing the hero of Ken Loach's Spanish Civil War drama, Land and Free-dom. A few weeks ago he was seen in The Hollow Reed; this week he opens in Thaddeus O'Sullivan's Northern Ireland drama Nothing Personal: and next month he pops up in another Irish subject, Neil Jordan's Michael Collins, in which Hart plays Collins's loyal aide Joe O'Reilly. Since work on the latter ended, the actor has completed roles in five other films and starts work on another later this month.

Not all those roles, though, Hart is quick to point out, are leads. His normally brown hair, currently closely cropped and dyed blond, is the result of a three-day stint he has just done in Cumbria on Michael Radford's film B Monkey. "I've only got two scenes, playing a villain who gets shot in the leg and then in the head," Hart explains. "But there's something different about him, so it's enjoyable to do."

Nothing Personal finished filming early last year. Later, at the Venice Film Festival, Hart was named Best Supporting Actor for his role as the psychopathic Ginger, one of a gang of three loyalist thugs whose murderous fortunes are followed through a Belfast day and a night in 1975. The film was shot in Dublin, but Hart and the other actors researched their roles in the pubs and clubs of Belfast. What particularly struck Hart was the sheer ordinariness of the real-life counterparts to his character.

"You see these people dotted around the pub, looking no different



No rest for the wicked: Ian Hart has dyed his hair blond to play another villain in Michael Radford's B Monkey — "it's enjoyable to do"

from anybody else and they're four-time murderers who've just done 15 years. People like Ginger don't live in derelict houses wearing ski masks all day long. They go to the pub, they have families, they go home to tea with the wife and kids. I based him

on the bullies I knew at school."
Hart was born 32 years ago in
Liverpool and brought up on "a very
early council estate in the middle of nowhere. My Dad worked in Ford's car factory in Halewood, and my mum worked in the kitchens at a school run by the nuns. Everything was run by nuns where we lived.
"I was a super Catholic in those

days. I was an altar boy, I went to Rome, to Lourdes twice, was always

in the Legion of Mary, but by the time I got to about 12 I was beginning to rebel, because you couldn't debate something with a nun or a priest. I couldn't wait to get out of it, it was very repressive."

Hart discovered his liking for

theatre through a youth drama group at the age of 15. That led to a part in a television series and eventually, after much banging on the door, work at the Liverpool Playhouse. Although he still retains his Liverpool accent, he now lives in Crouch End in north London with his girlfriend, and although he is currently much in demand, like most actors he remembers the two and a half years he spent "resting",

THEATRE: Two London openings

Stormy thicket

The Woods

Finborough Arms,

SW10

like, and here was a startling new figure — Early-Mamet New Man. But the line is in

fact "my watch stopped", and

it cues a night-time scene

which darkens nicely. The

characters expand their family

histories: a storm breaks, and

in a sudden burst of frustra-

tion Nick nearly rapes Ruth.

The final section, set the

following day, plays out a

more bitter array of accusa-

Emma Bird and Peter Poly-

carpou, as the sparring lovers

come into their own as the evening unfolds, being vari-

ously sentimental, aggressive,

caring and vulnerable. And if

thicket-like, it is not the fault of

ANDY LAVENDER

Shaw's solid production.

tions and denials.

WHEN applied to a play-

wright's work, the innocent

adjective "early" is often code

for not nearly as good as the

famous stuff. Written in 1977,

The Woods is relatively "ear-

ly David Mamet. For the first

20 minutes of Robert Shaw's production, the play's first

British outing, you would be

hard pressed to imagine any-

The action takes place on

the wooden patio of a cabin in

North American woodland,

and in the first section it

consists mostly of Nick caress-

ing the legs of Ruth, the young

woman he has invited to stay.

You might be familiar with the

Marnet of Glengarry Glen

Ross or House of Cards. those

sharp studies of urban Ameri-

ca. But where in this more

basic environment is the sar-

donic scribe who revels in the

brutalities of everyday

The middle section begins

with Nick walking on to the pario saying "I washed up". At least that's what it sounded

thing earlier.

exchanges:

which is maybe why he is willing to accept cameo roles as well as leads. Hart was a small boy in Liverpool

in the 1960s, when the Beatles were in their heyday, and although he bears little resemblance to John Lennon, he has played him twice on film: in Chris Munch's The Hours and the Times, which dealt with the relationship between Lennon and Brian Epstein, and in Backbeat. which was the film that got Hart noticed. But it was no big deal to play the Liverpool hero.

"When I was a teenager, DJs were still going on about how they and John once did so and so together, and I was thinking, 'When I was eight years old, you were saying

that. I'm 15 now, and you're still saying it. Will you stop it, please."
Like all young people, we wanted to find something that was ours."
Hart is now about to start work in

London on Mojo, the film of Jez Butterworth's funny and brash tale of rival gangs in 1950s Soho. It is based on Butterworth's hit play, which is being revived this week at the Duke of York's Theatre, the

Royal Court's new West End base. Jez has written the screenplay and is directing it. I play Mickey. I wanted to do something substantial and this was the best thing I'd read for ages."

● Nothing Personal opens in Britain on



Safe sex for the Nineties

MUSICAL: A Fifties frolic revived

Macmillan Government still had several years to go before it was engulfed in sexual scandals, a version of this play-with-music delighted the town for months. Perhaps it was a lustier version, because the Henry Fielding play on which Bernard Miles based his text is titled Rape Upon Rape and the hero, a rake named Rambie, is said to have bedded 17 women in six days. I suspect some PC editing has trimmed his cockiness to fit contemporary taste.

The result is that a collection of overlapping affairs now looks too mild to be provoking. yet not witty enough to survive on its other merits. Chief of these should have been the wicked behaviour of Mr. Justice Squeezum, who bribes juries to find innocent persons guilty if they have refused to bribe him to secure their release. The role requires exaggerated seedy villainy, but George Cole plays it. almost straight, not exactly like an honest man, but sinned

against rather than sinning.
The show would be nothing without the lyrics Lionel Bart provided for Laurie Johnson's pleasantly melodic music. They are Fifties lyrics, of the same school as The Boy

Lock Up Your Daughters Chichester

Friend, Salad Days, his own Fings Ain't Wot They Used The and Oliver, delighting in admit rhymes, rapid phrasing and opportunities for musical pastiche. Stephen Rayne's pro-duction could have allowed for repeats of almost every one of repeats of almost every one of them, particularly There's A Plot Afoot, where the entire cast mills around and between one another, wielding fans and masks on sticks, finally separating into two tight groups, the rakes on one side, the daughters (some now advanced in years) on the other. Everything Sheila Han-cock's Mrs Squeezum sings is

certainly worth an encore. whether asking for the ravishing to begin, instructing us in seduction or balefully inumphing over her fallen spouse. With her breath expiring on sexually crucial words, and her limbs doing the same. at sexually crucial sugges-tions, her comedy lifts a show that seldom provides much of a thrill in her absence.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Edited cockiness: George Cole and Sheila Hancock

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sident of the ACT. Meanwhile, club members can win lunch with two of ACT's celebrated patrons. Jo-anna Lumley and Simon Wil-Mayfair. After lunch the winperformance of the show of their choice. To enter, just tell us, on a postcard, which custom or tradition you would happily pay good money to avoid, and why. The wittiest answer will win. Send your entries to: Not the Night of 100 Stars. The Theatre Club. Euston House. 81-103 Euston Street, London NWI JET, to arrive by next Monday

Spa-ing partners

AT LAST: Learnington Spa has what Iceland got centuries ago, a saga of its own. That is the pleasantly sedate town Stephen Bill apparently had in mind when he launched into a play that brings 18 performers on to the tiny Orange Tree stage and spans the years from 1982 to 1993. For those of us who had suspected that nothing much happened to anybody in Learnington dur-ing that time, this is an

impressive achievement. It is also a modestly enjoyable one. Bill himself claims that the play is "about a group of people who would love to move on but don't know where to go". Certainly several characters end up in less good nick than at the start. The friendliest of them turns to drink after his marriage breaks up. Another's business seems near collapse. Principles are abandoned, ideals get compro-mised, and the dreamt-of arts centre looks likely to become. at best, a funhouse for tourists. At first the themes are change, decay, disillusion and

the hypocrisies of the liberal well-to-do. But the second act What the Heart Feels Orange Tree Richmond

brings a new emphasis. Julie Peasgood's housewifely Anne rebels against the many who have taken her good nature for granted, starting with her smug solicitor husband, Paul Shelley's Peter. She decides to uproot and move to France, an idea Learnington Spa mistrusts. Sadly, Learnington is

Perhaps because Bill tries to deal with a good few lives, the play has an unfocused feel and the characterisation has no great depth. Yet with Carol Nimmons, Stuart Fox and others giving strong, clear performances, Sam Walters's production moves briskly along and always held my attention - something I never expected Learnington to do.

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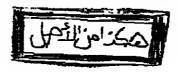


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When experience triumphs over pessimism

Speed may be cable's saviour

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went to a wedding on Saturday at which the clergyman went to great lengths to remind the radiant couple that marriage

is the triumph of hope over experience.

He ought to be invited to preach to the congregation of 6,000-plus now thronging the European Cable Convention at London's Olympia. A hall full of hope: investors, operators and programmers, wandering through a shimmering maze of high-tech goodies, exuding confidence that cable's hour has come round at last. As has been expected

A couple of months ago I wrote off cable television as a phenomenon whose heyday had passed without ever having arrived. My blithe dismissal of the vast investment - much of it North American - made in cabling Britain, was based on certain

observations: That cable is making more money from selling telephone services than from television. • That rich and powerful BT can

easily undercut the telephone rates of new competitors.

That cable's television competitor, BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times), has cornered the multi-

channel market. That the great majority of those who want extra television chan-

MADDOX nels already own or rent satellite dishes and are therefore unlikely to switch to cable. That BT itself is gearing to sell television.

particularly movies, down the telephone line. So where does that leave cable's Unique Cable's true believers have persuaded me

to think again because of three words: "the return path". The cable that brings TV into the home works in two directions — the reason why it even now provides a telephone service. This link can be used for shopping and banking from home and all those other digital delights we read about. Pure speed may prove to be cable's

unmatchable attraction. In my pessimism, I had forgonten (so easy to do, isn't it?) the Internet. Most of us now use, in our tentative, clumsy and largely unsu ressful attempts to dip into the Net, an ordinary telephone line connected to a modern. You wait and wait for the damned thing to deliver to the screen the information you seek.

BT. for a price, offers a much faster connection (called ISDN) to digital services than the standard telephone line. But cable's digital home line - also for an extra fee and the installation of the appropriate modern can do the same in a flash.

To retrieve (I can't bring myself to say

Internet over a standard telephone line, I'm told, takes 18.5 minutes. An ISDN line takes 4.8 minutes, cable just four seconds. What this lightning delivery will mean for delivering films on demand, let alone data in large

quantities, is obvious. But will a fast track onto the Internet draw cable subscribers in the still-elusive multimillions? It seems more likely that for years to come the business user will remain the main customer for cable's interactive wares.

Cable as a form of television does have unique features of its own: cable-only channels unobtainable with a satellite dish In my Videotron area, the 72 available channels include such cable-exclusive options as the Parliamentary Channel, Rai Uno. the Mirror Group's Live TV and

Associated Newspapers' Channel One (which tomorrow launches its television service for Liverpool).

Cable's capacity for virtually unlimited channel capacity will come into its own with the advent of digital television, which promises channels by the hundreds. Right now many cable systems are full to bursting with minimal appeal to draw in new subscribers.

Cable's optimism is based on more than soaring telephone income. In September Oftel, the

telecommunications watchdog, cracked down on BT in answer to complaints that some BT employees had been bad-mouthing cable's telephone service to potential customers. In July, the Office of Fair Trading wrung a promise from BSkyB not to offer any more new channels to cable systems in the form called "bundling", the form in which BSkyB permits cable operators to offer the Disney Channel only to those willing to subscribe to two pay-TV movie channels as well. For its part, the Independent Television Commission is investigating whether even the Disney bundle will be allowed to remain intact.

ne thing cable will never offer: the satellite porn, aka, "flood of foreign filth", that so troubles Virginia Bottomley and the Daily Mail. Satellites. with their moveable dishes and alterable decoder cards, will always be able to outwit Britain's censors. Not so cable. It is a local pipe, installed under licence. Nothing will be allowed in that the licenser does not like.

Cable may well pull up close to its rivals. But only if it enjoys continued regulatory vigilance. Such is the aversion these days to even quasi-monopolies that, change of government or not, it will probably get it.

THE LISTENER

In one door and out the other

IF MARILYN Warnick ever decides to write a book about her life in newspapers, her recent stint on The Daily Telegraph will barely register a paragraph.
Staff at Canary Wharf are

still trying to work out whether she has just completed one of the briefest periods of employment in Telegraph history. Ms Warnick, a respected

books editor, was thrilled when she was hired earlier this month to take charge of buying the serial rights to any suitable blockbuster the paper could snap up. On her first day she was dispatched to the Frankfurt Book Fair to scout about for new titles. She was mildly surprised to find Paul Woolfenden, the Telegraph's marketing guru, doing much



Martin Dunn, left, and Sir David English

tact with publishers and agents, urging them to do business with The Telegraph. But her new job came to a shuddering halt when an embarrassed Sue Ryan, the news editor, phoned Germany to say: "Er, sorry, we can't hire you after all."

According to insiders, Ms Warnick's sacking was not personal and they suspect raging internal politics are to blame "Marilyn was hired on Monday and fired on Thursday. It was like something out of a French farce," one said. "Even by Telegraph standards Undaunted, Ms Warnick "Even by Telegraph stant busily set about making contact that has to be a record."

STAFF at Associated Nowpapers have noticed a spooky thing about Martin Dunn, the new golden boy of Northcliffe House. They detect something familiar about the silvery hair, the bold spectacles, the pleasantly rounded face...

Dunn, recently lured from his job as Editor of the New Nis John S. Editor of the New York Daily News to oversee Associated a new media and cable television operations, is, staff say, starting to bear an uncanny resemblance to his close friend and mentor, Sir David English. It was apparently the prospect of

working with Sir David that convinced Dunn to make the move back to Britain. "Martin seems to be growing into a Sir David clone," a source said. "Are they by any chance related? I think we should be told."

Chocoholics?

AS GRANADA prepares to launch four episodes a week of Coronation Street next month, the admen at Cadbury are making contingency plans. The company fears viewers may become bored by the animated chocolate Coronation Street figures that appear four times during each

programme.
When the Street goes four times a week that will be 16 times they see them," said an insider. "We are going to have to think up a new sequence."

Royal mints

JUST when the Royal Family thought it had laid to rest the ghost of Panorama, another television documentary is threatening to send more skel-etons hurtling out of the cupboard. This time the subject is more minor royals who allegedly capitalise on their status to make a living.

The documentary is being must treat her as must treat her as claudia Schiffer."

Story by the independent company 20:20 Television. "We are also looking at the children of the royals," said a

However, he denied a nasty rumour that the Duchess of York was not included because she would require a

documentary all of her own.

MOST people who are trying to forge a career in televisi are grateful for any publicity. Not Sophie Anderton, the 19-year-old face of the Gossard underwear adverts. She believes newspapers should have to pay for the privilege of promoting her new Channel 4 show.

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Ms Anderson, who appears half-naked in the Gossard posters beneath the headline "Who says a woman can't get pleasure out of something soft?", presents? a fashion programme, Desire. Television publicists have been offering interviews and photoshoots to get the show in the news. But fashion editors have been astonished to receive follow-up calls from Ms Anderton's

model agency Elite, demand-ing £2.000 plus 20 per cent commission for the honour. "Sophie is a professional," said a snooty aide. "You? must treat her as you would

Wrangler tries for a better market fit

WRANGLER Jeans is taking drastic action to halt the indomitable march of its main rival, Levi's, in Britain. The company is on the brink of awarding its challenging pan-European advertis-ing business to a UK agency. The brief, say insiders, is not to "do a

Levi's" with the Seventies brand. "Levi's do that too well, so there's no point trying to beat them," said an adman who has been shortlisted.

Levi's has a 15.5 per cent share of the UK jeans market compared with Wrangler's 6.5 per cent share, Parallels are being drawn with what was a similarly tough job for Adidas, another previously market-leading Seventies brand, in the face of increasing opposition from Nike.

Wrangler's advertising task will be tricky but it could be easier if they got the jeans right first. A better fit maybe?

The advertising world is increasingly concerned over the distressing new

ADVERTISING -

tendency among marketing directors to call pitches and then switch jobs halfway through, leaving agencies

high and dry.
A review for BAA's advertising business has just been set back by the departure of Claire Hewitt, the BAA marketing director, who has left the shortlisted agencies wondering what happens next.

Agencies on the recent Mastercard pitchlist suffered the same fate when George Strachan, the marketing director, invited a handful to pitch for its account and then resigned. The incombent agency was reappointed to the business as if the review had never been called.

Given that pitching for the averagesized £5 million account sets an agency back between £15,000 to £20,000 in third-party costs, plus as time, adfolk are understandably miffed at the trend.

WHILE agencies eagerly sign up famous faces for their television com-mercials, GGT Advertising has assembled an enviably star-studded series of celebrities to do radio ads for The Big Issue, the weekly magazine sold by the homeless.

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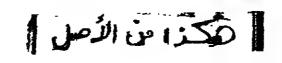
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Walkers Crisps hope that some of Gary Lineker's popularity will rub off on product sales, while Henry Kissinger brought gravitas and novelty to The Economist's TV spot

here is an old saying in advertising circles that if you haven't got an idea, you adfolk must be devoid of any real given the unprecedented glut of celebrities appearing on our tele-

Half an hour's viewing of any commercial TV channel is likely to feature a galaxy of star-studded advertisements. If you don't catch Mel Smith fronting Visa Delta's latest advertisements or Ruby Wax plugging the Vauxhall Gorsa, you-will probably see Nicholas Lynd-hurst promoting W H Smith's family range of goods or Mrs Merton extelling the virtues of British Gas.

Then there is Kate Moss and John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, in the One 2 One mobile phone rcials, or Julie Walters spoofing celebrity TV chefs on behalf of Bisto granules. There is even Henry Kissinger, who has just been signed up to do a brief spot for The Economist, and that's not counting the host of celebrities busily working for BT alongside Bob Hoskins.

The advertising industry seems willing to sign up just about anybody famous, from household name actors to comedians, supermodels and sports stars who, in return for fat fees, sprinkle a little stardust on companies' otherwise possibly

dreary "buy-me" messages. But why? What is causing this explosion? Famous faces have always been used by advertising agencies but why are so many now spilling over from their programmes into our commercial breaks?

Adam Crozier, the joint chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi. the agency behind the current Delta Visa ads, believes the diminishing shelf life of company marketing directors is a primary factor.

Current pressures on budgets mean that the average lifespan of a

Stars take over the TV breaks

Belinda Archer reports on the growing employment of actors, sports personalities and even politicians by shrewd advertisers anxious to get their message across

ably, therefore, they want to make a name for themselves, and one of the ways of doing that is to hire a star for their advertising," he says.

Another reason, according to John Webster, who as executive creative director of BMP DDB has been involved in using Rowan Atkinson in the Barclaycard ads and Gary Lineker for Walkers Crisps, is the dramatic improvement in the stan-

dard of scripts. "In the past there have been a lot of ropey ads featuring celebrities wobbling coffee beans in their hands and saying things they wouldn't normally say. But the scripts are generally getting better - so much so that the stars are now thinking that doing an ad might actually help their careers

rather than hinder them." indeed, some stars have declared that their advertising has brought them fame. Others are known to use their commercials on their show reels to secure new work, and it has now almost become a standard joke within celebrity circles to boast about lucrative advertising contracts.

client is now 18 months. Understand- Robert Saville, the joint creative communications division of BT, a director of GGT advertising, which has used a raft of stars from Jeff Goldblum to Paul Merton, Jack Dee and Denis Leary to front its ads. hints at another cause for the fashion.

> e says: "Media is becoming increasingly expensive, so campaigns have to establish themselves quickly now or they get dropped. Celebrities make a spot work very quickly indeed. They are a media accelerator...their fame accelerates the fame of the campaign and the

impact of the ad." Celebrities have always been a useful weapon in the adman's armoury and there are perennial advantages to using them. They aid awareness levels, provide brand differentiation in crowded markets, they can jazz up a grey proposition for a grey product and help to generate useful spin-off PR — making the marketing pound stretch further. Stars also have the necessary talent, says Shoito Douglas-Home,

committed celebrity-using advertiser from Maureen Lipman to the ubiquitous Hoskins.

"You often simply need someone who can act, who has conviction and credibility and who can get the message across. That can't be just anyone off the street," he says. Advertisers, however, must be

wary of hiring personality frontmen. The basic problem with stars is that, being stars, they often behave like operatic prima donnas and they do not come cheap.

A famous face can cost anything

from £20,000 to several hundred thousands, depending on how much you want to use them and the extent and length of their involvement with

Adjand is also rife with cautionary tales such as the Michael Jackson and Pepsi debacle which clearly illustrated one fundamental problem - that if you use someone famous you are hostage to their fortunes. Pepsi was forced to pull out of its commercial association with Jackson when charges were brought against

him for alleged child abuse in November 1993.

A personality can also drown out the brand message and steal the limelight. A classic example of mismanaged celebrity use was the Joan Colline if example Poseiter. Coverno. managed celebrity use was the Joan Collins/Leonard Rossiter Cirizano commercial of the late Seventies. To this day, people remember the ad but have difficulty recalling whether it was Cirizano or a rival vermouth.

Andrew Robertson, managing director of Abbot Mead Vickers BBDO-

the agency behind the Bob Hoskins
BT commercials and recent Pizze Hurwork; sums up the main disadvantage of using a personality. The trap
is that unless you think carefully
about who you want to use, and how and why, you will get a lot of attention for your advertising but none for your brand or proposition."

As any commercial break suggests. however, the pitfails of using stars are increasingly surmounted by agencies -- particularly in the light of their success rates. Past recent winners of the prestigious Institute of Practitioners in Advertising effectiveness awards have included Jack Dee's ads for John Smith's bitter and Rowan Atkinson's for Barclaycard. Meanwhile, as many as four of this year's shortlisted entries feature famous faces, including Damon Hill in a spot for Pizza Hut and Ryan Giggs in Quom burger commercial.

Observers say the more celebrities are used, the more they will be used in the future. "Once the authors of ads see something successful, they want to compete and because there have been several good, entertaining campaigns using celebrities recently. people want to climb on that bandwagon," Webster adds.

Before long, no doubt, something else will come along to titillate the admen. Until that time, however, the client company, the agency, the celebrity and, arguably, the viewer gain from the proliferation of talent in our commercial breaks.

Could The Sun win it for Blair?

Labour has been wooing the tabloid Tory press since the last election, Maggie Brown reports

voters and help to decide general elections was given. a fresh airing this weekwhen Peter Mandelson, Tony Blair's right-band told Sir David Frost that he hoped The Sun would support Labour this time. "If The Sun chooses to pitch against us like the last election we will find it difficult to win, but not impossible, he said.

He was referring to the now infamous campaign of ridicule that Britain's largest selling daily, in the final fling of Kelvin MacKenzie's editorship, heaped upon Neil Kinnock in the 1992

The Sun's coverage culminated in the trium-Dramaticchanges "It's The Sun wot are taking won it which has created a small industry of research into the at The links between newspapers and **Express**

place:

Mr Kinnock believed that the press had helped to undermine his credibility. Mr Blair's advisers, led by Alastair Campbell, the for ner Daily Mirror political cur. They have spent the years in opposition wooling both the Tory mass-market tabloids and the stern moralists at the middle market Daily Mail and Mail on Immediately Mr Blair be-

came Labour leader a signed article from him sprouted in the News of the World: the flow has continued as the party charm, offensive seeks to convert floating Tory readers into new Labour supporters. And the wooing has had some effect. Mr Mandelson has good grounds for hope, new Labour has been listened to with some respect. Sir David English last year tantalisingly hinted that the Mail might just make common cause with Mr Blair. The Labour leader's latest speech to the Commonwealth Press Union (chaired by Sir. David: reasserting family values, found a place on the Daily Mail's front page on Monday.

Underpinning the dither-ing and quite evident equivocation are the uncertain fortunes of Mr Major, an. appreciation of Labour's move to the central ground,

THE notion that newspathers, especially the largest-selling tabloids, influence the natural desire of mediagroups not to risk alienating

All this puts into context The Sun's style of reporting conference it was a model of rectitude. The paper carried a double-page spread detailing Labour's policies, and an editorial praising Mr Blair's brilliant speech". It concluded:

conviction by a man of give him your trust."

until a year ago Conservative, Government. with a Tory peer Since the take-

over by the Labour peer Lord Hollick, the papers have edged notice-ably towards the centre, shifting their political position as part of a relatinch to salvage their fortunes. It a seminal editorial in The Express of October 6 the paper served notice that its llegiance could change.

AT THE very least Mr Blair can expect a relatively clean Times editorial noted last Saturday: "Politics seems set to become more personal doctors to plant their seeds press ground Lord Hollick has insisted that its political reporting is factual.

But this is not the whole story." Tory-supporting eather friends. The Daily Mail devoted a page to why women find Mr. Blair "smarmy". They instinctive ly thrill to signs of hope of a Fory revival and can absentmindedly banish the reality of sleaze and European schisms - for a period. But the dominant impression remains. Mr Blair can expect reasonable treatment with some punches pulled.

The courage to reach the top — and stay there

head of advertising for the personal

ditors of national newspapers live as preagers of Premiership football clubs. If they fail to lift sales. they are dismissed, which has been the fate of eight Fleet Street editors in the past year. So Richard Addis, editor of The Express, is the man that Fleet Street is watching closely this month. After decades of decline and

a string of editors, during which sales of the Daily Express and Sunday Express have declined by almost three million. Addis has launched what may be the last attempt to save the two papers which. under the ownership of the legendary Lord Beaverbrook. dominated Fleet Street both before and after the Second World War.

After 96 years there is no longer a Daily Express nor, after 78 years, a Sunday Express. Since October 5, Addis has been editing a sevenday newspaper, The Express. The Express on Saturday and The bepress on Sunday.

The Express has been elegantly redesigned - some critics say too elegantly for a - and a daily sport section introduced within a newspaper of at least 80 pages. On weekdays the tele-



listings placed conveniently on the back page. Addis claims the paper has more colour pictures than any other national. On Saturday there is a new glossy magazine and another,

slightly less glossy, on Sun-day. The Express has also introduced price cuts. There is a voucher offer for a 35p Express on Sunday, and The Express is selling all this week in Greater London for 10p.

Addis is carrying the battle to one of the two most ruthless newspaper managements in Britain at Associated Newspapers, owners of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday. ancient rivals of the Express group, and led by Lord Rothermere and Sir David English, who was the best

editor of his generation. Journalists are harsh critics of rival newspapers. Yet the response among those I meet has been that Addis's Express is "not at all had" which a good job. It looks as if his chutzpah is being rewarded. Sales lifted by more than 100,000 for the first Express

Yet the sales figures for

September show the magnitude of the task that Addis is now confronting. Five years ago, the Daily Mail sold about 140,000 more copies a day than the Daily Express. The Mail's lead last month had increased to almost 900,000, and its sale was up by 233,000 on September last year against a year-on-year fall of 67,000 for the Express. The test for Addis is to close that gap. As English demonstrated in the years when he chased and overtook the Daily Express, it is a test that can be passed - but English and Rothermere are determined

that he will fail. Apart from The Sun, still selling more than four million a day, and the Daily Mail, it is

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the broadsbeets which are having the best of the autumn. Selling at 10p on Mondays. The Times again hit a new record sale of 810,000 and narrowed the lead of The Daily Telegraph to 265,000

(compared with 673,000 when the price of The Times was reduced in 1993), but month by month the Telegraph still manages, just, to ching on to a sale of over one million. At weekends, The Sunday

Telegraph was up by 80,000 on a year ago. Under Editors Charles Moore and Dominic Lawson it has increased its sale over the past five years by 192,000 - but it is the mammoth Sunday Times which still cruises effortlessly ahead as market leader, almost outselling all three of its Sunday

The Guardian remains

well ahead of The Independent, which celebrated its tenth anniversary last week but which is still struggling to get lift off under its new editor Andrew Marr. it was the only broadsheet whose sales fell last month and The Guardian has increased circulation in the past year as The Independent has lost 27,000. For The Observer it was The Sunday Times that was once its main rival. It is now content with third place but the revamped paper is beginning to win back readers while year on year sales of The Independent on Sunday were down by 37,000. Its Editor, Peter Wilby paid the price for declining sales last week and was replaced by Rosie Boycott, the Editor of Esquire magazine, who is now the first woman editor of a British broadsheet.

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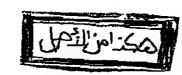
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hundred years ago, the first issue of Country Life advertised the letting of Stowe House, Buckingnam, the stately ancestral home of the Dukes of Buckingham and Chandos, "in consequence of the reath of the late tenant HRH, the Comte de Paris".

- Then such letting was common-place. Indeed Michael Sayer, au-thor and expert on the disintegration of Britain's historic heritage, estimates that as many as 50, per cent of the 3,000-odd important country houses were routinely let before the war. In Norfolk alone, Melton Constable, Raynham and Haydon Hall were

all let. They were let as entities, including furniture and chattels, usually for short periods of up to five years.

"Typically owners had a couple of seats," says Richard Wilkins. director of the Historic Houses Association. Fellow aristocrats would enjoy playing musical houses, swapping their seats as whim and fancy dictated.

the style of the times," Mr Wilkins says. But for the past couple of such property to rent.

Owners were frightened that tenants would become all too permanent because of legislation unsympathetic to landlords, while with seemingly ever-rising property prices. Instead, a swath of historic houses became prep schools, hotels and even conference

Now a crop of important stately homes and country houses have come up for rent. Last month the

the lease of Ling House, a farmhouse on her Sandringham estate in Norfolk. She is only the latest in a line of estate owners to let their

Earlier this year the 19th Duke of Somerset, John Michael Edward Seymour, his wife Judith-Rose and their four children, put Bradley House, near Warminster, set in 15 acres of Wiltshire, up for rent for £50,000 a year. Meanwhile, they have moved to more modest quarters in Devon.

Henry VIII was reputedly once a guest in the Grade II listed, fiverecention, seven-hedroom and fivebathroom house. The first Duke of

Somerset. Edward Seymour, was the brother of Jane, third wife of Henry VIII, and in one of the bedrooms is the four-poster inlaid oak bed with a wooden can-Edward VI is said to have been conceived.

The rest of the fur-nishings are included in the rent, as well as the stables and gardens. The house was built in 1700 and is the remaining wing of something far grander.

The three-storey, ivy-covered building is perfectly symmetrical with a central arched doorway and a coat of arms flag flying on the roof. It is built of rendered Bath stone with some finely carved stone figures set

The Duke, 43, owns about 3,000 acres around Maiden Bradley, and plans that his eldest son will move back in after five years. The family has moved to a five-bedroom 18thcentury farmhouse on their other estate at Berry Pomeroy. The Duke said at the time: "One has to make assets work. We cannot leave the





The Queen has advertised the lease of Ling House, the Duke of Northumberland let Chatton Park, and the Duke of Somerset put Bradley House; above, up for rent

house empty and I think we would have moved anyway."

In July the Duke of Norfolk put Park House in West Sussex up for rent. The house is flanked by two wings, one originally for the late Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's daughters, the other for her staff. Inside there is an air of grandeur created by the plaster vaults and recessed arches. The six-bedroom house, ten miles from Chichester. has been let for up to 15 years for £40,000 a year

It was built between 1958 and 1962 by Claude Phillimore as a dower house for the duchess who died in December 1995. It is being let until it is required for family use.

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Northumberland, who decided to let the property when he inherited Alnwick Castle in Northumber-

The motivation of owners is clear, says Andrew Jones, from Clegg Kennedy Drew, which has become expert in cornering the market for letting these kinds of

"These are large estates with sometimes several properties which have become surplus to requirements. They are often close to the main house. Park House, for example, is within a third of a mile of Arundel Castle. So often there is no question of selling them. But letting them means that there is an extra source of income for the landlord and an asset is being

The introduction of assured that no bank reference or lawyers' shorthold tenancies, which guarantee that the owner can reclaim his property so long as the lease is not, for longer than 21 years, has reassured owners, who can thus keep a firm grip on their homes. The leases stipulate the right to

remain open to the public. Moreover, letting the property with staff intact means that garden-

ers and housekeepers can be kept in work. Clearly these are historic proper ties, often with interiors to match.

[People Like Us, in Sloane-speak]." In the Duke of Somerset's case, he personally met the new tenants of "One good tip is to meet wouldview the property at any time. be tenants in their existing property to see how they maintain it," says Some state that the grounds and sometimes even parts of the home Mr Jones.

> Barbara Blanchard, from John D. Wood's Hampshire office, recommends that such houses should not be let for more than a year at a time, with the option to renew on

> > And I believe it better not to issue the tenant with a full repairing lease," Ms. Blanchard says. 'Inappropriate redecoration and can't buy."

promise could provide. As Mr Jones says: "Without sounding terribly snobblsh, these are PLUs

improvements can permanently destroy many of the features of these historic houses." She also recommends a thorough inventory and a deposit of between six weeks and two months' rental.

Mr Wilkin adds that if the owner remains responsible for repairs himself, he can keep an eye on the property and charge a higher rent.
All of the historic houses put on

to the rental market have been let

within weeks, with Ling House expected to be snapped up shortly. As Rupert Bradstock, from the property buying agents Property Vision, says: These grand houses are rarely the jewel in the landlord's crown, but even their second string is often of stately proportions. These are houses that money

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Russell [Jangment October 10] An employer was liable for statu-tory sick pay in respect of a partcontinuously employed for more than three months under a series of daily contracts and who had worked in excess of 16 hours each

The deeming provisions of section 49(4) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 applied so as to convert the daily indefinite period so that the emtlement under section 153(2) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an unopposed appeal by the claimant, Sally Brown, from the decision on January 12, 1995, of a social security commissioner, Mr D. G. Rice, who had upheld the social security appeal tribumal's decision refusing her claim to stabutory sick pay for the period from June 21, 1992 to December 9.

day-to-day basis for a continuous ony-m-day oasis for a continuous period from September 1991 to 1992 1992, working not less than 24 hours each week during that period. On June 21, 1992, she injured her neck at work as a result of which she was incapable of working until December 1992.

Section 151(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 imposed liability for making payments on an employer where an employee had a day of incapacity, as defined, and the conditions in sections 152 to 154 of the Act were satisfied.

e Act were saustred. Section 153(1) laid down the condition that the day of incapacity in question fell within "a period of entitlement".

Section 153(2) defined "a period of entidement" as, inter alia, "... a period beginning with the commencement of a period of incapacity for work and ending with ... (c) the day on which the employee's contract of service with the employer concerned expires or is brought to an end."

Schedule 11 to the 1992 Act

provideds: "(I) A period of entitle-ment does not arise in relation to a particular period of incapacity for work in any of the [following]

2 . . . (b) the employee's contract of service was entered into for a specified period of not more than three months."

However, section 49(4) of the Employment Protection (Colt didation) Act 1978 (now section to of the Employment Rights Act 1996) provides "[any] contract of employment of a person who has been continuously employed for three months or more which is a contract for a term certain of one month or less shall have effect as if it were for an indefinite period

notice periods shall apply to the contract.

Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield for the employee; Mr Michael Kent, QC. for the chief adjudication officer.

section 151 where an employee had a day of incapacity for work the employer was to pay him sick pay in respect of that day, provided

did not arise if, inter alia, the employee's contract of service was of not more than three months. Having held that by virtue of other provisions of Schedule II the claimant's contract with the employer was for a specified period of

claimant became unable to work because of incapacity, then by reason of her being employed on a daily basis, her contract ended

security commissioner then turned

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the provisions relating to statutory sick pay were contained in Part XI of the 1992 Act. By that three qualifying conditions were satisfied.

It was agreeed that the first and third conditions were satisfied here. The second was that the day of incapacity should fall within "a period of entitlement" as defined in

By paragraphs (1) and (2) of Schedule II a period of entitlement

section 153(2)(c). He had held that "when the

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s the contract has already ended." The commissioner thus concluded that the second qualifying condition had not been satisfied so that she was not entitled to sick pay.

However, for completeness, the commissioner mendoned and re-jected the claimant's argument relying on section 49(4) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 13 to the Employment Consolidation Act 1978 that she was entitled on the facts of the case to one week's notice of termination

of her employment and accordingly her employment did not terminate on the day she con-tracted her incapacity. The commissioner said that he did not see how the 1978 Act could effect the wording of section 153(2)(c) of the 1992 Act. It was now clear that it was on

the effect of section 49(4) of the 1978 Act that the outcome of the appeal depended. On the face of it that subsection applied to the claimant. No difficulty arose in relation to the definition of continuous employment: she was cominu-ously employed for rather more than nine months and her contract had effect as if it were for an

What then was the effect of section 49(4) on the claimant's entitlement to sick pay? Being a deeming provision, that was to say a provision which required one to assume to be true a state of affairs

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no such result. Section 49(4) did indeed apply to

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Lord Justice Auld and Sir Patrick Russell agreed. Solicitors: Mr David Thomas; Solicitor, Department of Social

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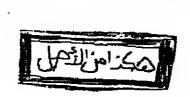
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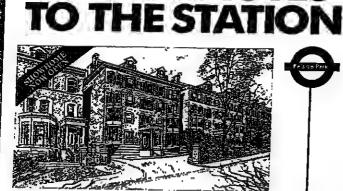
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Sport makes this eternal question more vivid, which is generally the way of sport and eternal questions. But Damon Hill's heroic pursuit of the provided the most vivid and most unbearably tense story of the sporting year.

He has succeeded in becoming world champion and the profound meaning of it all for him - became clear with his strange pronouncement "It is irreversible." G. Hill (1962 and 1968). D. Hill (1996). Neither name can now be erased from the list of world

It has been a long and

it is a road taken time and again. And in sport, those who take it attract particular attention. As a son follows a famous father into the harsh arenas of professional sport, the response is always the same how like his father he is! Yet,

you know, he is his own man. And so we ask the obvicus question, expecting and receiving the obvious, indeed the only answer; no. I am not the second Ian Botham. I am the first Liam Botham. But how the nation revelled in Liam's first-class debut - five wickets and a moment siezed with a glorious mixture of Bothamesque desire and Bothamesque jamminess. We relish the continuity: it is human

But no son is his father come again. He is only 50 per cent of him, and 50 per cent of his mother. That is neither his tragedy nor his trumph, it is

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duction. Thus, sporting fathers and sons bring us to the endlessly fascinating and endlessly unanswerable ques-

tions of nature and nurture. Sport puts these matters into public debate. In motorracing, there is something amounting almost to a tradition of sons following fathers. Jacques Villeneuve, Damon's rival for the championship, is the son of the late Gilles, a great racer if never a world champion.

between people who actually understand engines. Whether it is a matter of cultural or genetic transmission no one can say. Perhaps it passes between father and son because, in an upbringing of eviscerated engines, mislaid tools and spilt oil, there is always something happening. always something to do. Always something to share.



Midweek View

The same thing is true of horses. In the same way, horses represent not so much a peak of achievment as an eternal Forth Bridge-type task. Certainly, horsiness regularly passes along family lines; line of horsiness that runs deep into the histories of both sire and dam. Lester Pigott is the son of the trainer. Keith: Frankie Dettori (christened Lanfranco) is the son of the former champion jockey of Italy, Gianfranco.

It crops up time and again. in sport after sport. In cricket. Cotin Cowdrey was followed into first-class cricket by two of his three sons. One of them. Chris, even became — briefly, briefly -- captain of England.

One could write an entire psychological casebook about relationship between Micky Stewart, former England coach, and his son Alec. the England cricketer. On England duty, they addressed each other not as Dad and Alex, but as Coach and Stewie. In football, Jordi Cruyff is striving to surpass the unsurpassable, being the son of

The thing about sport is that it is measurable. It can be said, for example, that Graham Hillwon two world championships, had 14 wins from 176 starts, had a career total of 289 world championship points: and that Damon has one world championship, 21 wins from 67 starts and 326 points. romance of the tale of the Sport is all about finding out Cowdrey clan is muted by the break-up of Colin's marriage

who is better. That is, after all, what sport is for. To enter your father's sporting arena is to enter into competition with him. It is a deeply ambiguous business, it is both to rebel against him and to join him. It is both an act of defiance and

an act of homage.

No great achievement of any kind is made without great personal sacrifice, but it is not the hero who makes the sacrifices. It is his family. This cannot but make for a complex

domestic life and sporting marriages are often strained. often end in divorce. The true hero of Ian Botham's autobiography is his wife. Kathy, a woman of infinite tolerance and loyalty who has even forgiven the book's pathetic subtitle Don't Tell Kath. The

to the boys' mother. Father son relationships are necessarily complex. But greater complexities are added to them when the son strives to emulate the hero-father in the same public and competitive arena. He seeks both to destroy his father and to become him. It happens in every walk of life, but in sport, the drama takes place before our eyes, and it has happened through-out this year. And it is

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maintained his lead after the

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as he moved into second place.

Swimming: Josef Ruza, the secretary general of the Hungarian Swimming Federation, has been suspended for two years and the federation given a "severe warning" by Fina. the sport's governing body, over the fabrication of entry times at a fictitious qualifying competition for some Hungarian swimmers at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Claymores away

American football: The Scottish Claymores will begin the defence of their World League of American Football title against the Admirals in the Amsterdam Arena next April. Amsterdam Arena Trext April. LONDON MONAFORS. April 15: Frankurt Galasy for: April 20: Frankurt Galasy for: April 20: Frankurt Galasy for: April 20: Fassis for May 20: Exception for May 17: Barcatons (m): May 18: Frankurt (g); June 1; Amsterdam; June 8: Caymores (g); May 10: Frankurt (g); June 12: Mysores (g); May 20: Frankurt (g); Barcatons (g); April 27: Rhein (g); May 20: Frankurt (g); April 27: Rhein (g); June 1; Frankurt (g); May 26: Rhein (g); June 1; Frankurt (g); June 26: Rhein (g); June 1; Frankurt (g); June 14: Barcatons (g); June 14: Barcatons (g);

Afridi in squad

Cricket: Pakistan have selected Shahid Afridi in their XII for the first Test match against Zimbabwe at Sheikhupura, starting tomorrow. Afridi, 16. broke the world record for the fastest century in a one-day international parlier this month against Sri Lanka.

Brave effort

Caucinil: Atlanta Braves hout St Louis Cardinals 14-0, with a championship series record of 22 hits, to take the National League play-off back to Atlanta today — but they still trail 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

Warwick venture

Motor racing: Derek Warwick, the former Formula One driver, has joined Ian Harrison to launch a team for the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship next year.

Sailing: James Capstick, competing on board Ocean Rover n the BT Global Challenge. became a father for the third time yesterday when his wife, Tracey, gave birth to a 7lb 1002

Dawson injury dulls polished display on French territory

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE multitalented Toulouse XV begin their defence of the Heineken Cup in Milan this evening, adding emphasis to the fact that the first round of European competition at the weekend — both in the cup and the second-tier Conference - was dominated by French clubs. Indeed the only losing French sides, both in the Conference, were Begl -Bordeaux (beaten by their confreres from Bourgoin) and

Therefore, Northamoton can take proper pride in their achievement of beating Toulon on their own soil, where they have not lost for four years. It is a rare occasion when Frenchmen will tell English opponents that they did not play as an English side

DESPITE speculation that

Wales might play their home

five nations' championship

match on March 15 with

Weish Rugby Union (WRU)

has decided to remain in

Cardiff. Building work,

ity of the National Stadium to

44,000 (David Hands writes).

February with a new stadium

scheduled for completion in

time for the 1999 World Cup.

Fears that no more than

35,000 supporters would be

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fixture have not been realised.

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Demolition work begins in

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is expected to play. "We beat them playing rugby and keeping our discipline." Ian McGeechan, the Northamp-

Victory cost them Matt Dawson, the England scrum half, who was caught by a punch delivered from behind by Marc de Rougemont, the international hooker. Dawson will miss the game with Orrell tonight but hopes to be fit by the weekend, as does Gregor Townsend, who also suffered from French attentions. Northampton's application, however, only wavered in the later stages when the French put a gloss on the scoreline with three tries.

Any overseas side venturing into France's rugby heartland

um will close down complete-

ly from next May until late

1998, when the new ground,

capable of seating 75,000,

More good news for Wales

comes in the form of Scott

Quinnell, the Richmond

back-row forward, who has

worked out his contractual

difficulties with the WRU and

hopes to sign a new agree-

However, Alian Lewis, the

assistant national coach, has

been forced to step down

because of pressure of work.

Lewis. a full-time school teacher, has been unable to

reconcile the demands of rugby and his profession.

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quins will have had plenty of warning from their own recruits, Laurent Bénézech and Laurent Cahannes. The atmosphere that awaits the Ouins in Belfast tonight will be different from the more decorous surrounds of the Courage Clubs Championship and a wild, woolly Ravenhill evening and a well-motivated Ulster XV will give them a lively introduction to Europe. Bénézech will be part of the

Harlequins XV though Cabannes, the flanker, will not: Mick Watson completes the back row in a side that retains Will Carling at stand-off half. despite certain criticisms of his play made by the club coach. Andy Keast Harlequins should open Wales make room to

their campaign in comfort but form sometimes counts for little in Ireland, so Leicester will tread cautiously against Leinster, particularly since they have rested their leading points-scorer, John Liley. The full back's place goes instead to Greg Austin, who can kick goals too if the younger Liley, Rob. should have an off-day.

Ireland's provincial champions, Munster, head in the opposite direction hoping that Steve McIvor will be fit at scrum half so that they can field the same XV that defeated Milan against Cardiff at the Arms Park.

That match forms part of a demanding week for Cardiff: on Sunday they pipped Wasps in the dying minutes; tonight they face the Irish champions and, on Saturday, they take on Toulouse in a reprise of the final last season.



Phillips, the Great Britain XIII substitute, is halted by Johnson yesterday during the touring team's defeat

Larder hopeful despite first reverse

NZ President's XIII Great Britain XIII 22

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WELLINGTON

THE Great Britain rugby league team lost the first match of its Pacific tour vester day. It was hardly the ideal preparation for the internaionai maten a eaurst new Zealand on Friday, although

Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, seemed unperturbed. "There is no doom and gloom." Larder said after the defeat by a New Zealand President's XIII at Hutt Valley. "This won't affect our preparation or confidence for the big one. I thought they were two very evenly-matched teams, but we should have been well ahead at half-time."

Larder will not name his

team for the first internation-

al, at Ericsson Stadium in

Hammond, 22, the St Helens utility player, was among those to improve his prospects. "I was again very pleased with Karle," Larder said.. "He has had a good tour and played three top matches. Barrie Jon Mather made

ing session today, but he said: "One or two things are now

World Cup switch mooted

SUPER League officials are under and show everyone considering switching the what we've got." Carden said. The idea will be discussed by from Great Britain to Australia, Graham Carden, the New Zealand Rugby League president and World Super League vice-chairman, has given the proposed change his backing. "It would be great for the whole Super League move-

ment to bring the event down

POWERBOATING

the World Super League

first half, setting up the Great Britain XIII's first try for

Hayes then scoring the second himself, but they still

trailed 14-10 at half-time to

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The home side stretched

their lead in the second half

with a try from Anthony

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board in Auckland this week. Super League, which governs the sport in all the leading rugby league countries except Australia, also intends to launch a breakaway ten-team competition in-Australasia next season.

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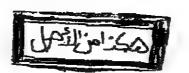
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Sunderland defiant in face of red cards

By Our Sports Staff

KEVIN BALL, the Sunderland midfield player, has insisted that his team is not worried about its disciplinary record in the FA Carling Premiership, despite receiving four red cards in the first two months of the season.

Richard Ord became the

fourth player to be sent off when he stamped on Nick Barmby, the England striker, during the 2-2 draw against Middlesbrough at Roker Park on Monday night. Ord, who was also dismissed at Derby County last month, is now in trouble with both the Football Association and Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, with a three-match ban for violent conduct and a helty club fine the likely outcome.

Ball made no apology for the commitment that he believes is Sunderland's greatest strength. This side has got a tremendous will to win and we're going to go out and battle away in every game." he said. "If that means you're walking a bit of a tightrope with certain referees, so be it. Last year, we were a committed side. That's what won us division

championship. Ord's dismissal was Sunderland's third in two games. Martin Scott and Paul Stewart were sent off during the 2-0 defeat at Arsenal, although Stewart's red card for a handball offence has since been quashed as Paul Danson, the referee, has admitted making u mistake.

Reid has hinted that heavy punishment now awaits Ord, who missed the match at Highbury because he was serving a suspension after his

dismissal at Derby.

The final Wear-Tees derby before Sunderland move to a new stadium at Wearmouth provided an entertaining match and an answer to the critics who had accused Reid's team of being unduly nega-"We're not too fussed about whether people think we're entertaining or not."
Ball said.

A former senior referee yesterday claimed that Premiership officials "do as they're told" for fear of losing their positions this season. John Lloyd, of Wrexham, refereed in the Premiership and Football League, and was also a Fifa official, before retiring at

the end of last season.
"It is not always the best referces who are in the Premier League, but more often the ones who do as they are told, and have contacts in football who can help them," Lloyd said.

Lloyd also criticised Football League assessors. "Assessors are often people with no experience of refereeing at the highest level," he said. "I referced Chelsea and Tottenham in the 1993-94 season and was assessed by a 76-year-old. who had been a linesman for two seasons 30 years ago."

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, is facing another potentially explosive situation - this time with Leeds United supporters — at Villa Park on Saturday.

Bosnich already has an FA disrepute charge hanging over him after his Nazi-style salute to Tottenham Hotspur fans at White Hart Lane on Saturday. He faces another tough afternoon from Leeds fans, who will recall the Australian being sent off in the closing stages of a Premiership match at Elland Road 18 months ago.

Villa insist that they will continue to pick Bosnich, who will then have to return to Eliand Road next Wednesday for a Coca-Cola Cup third round tie. However, Allan Evans, the Villa assistant manager, said: "He's had problems with the Leeds crowd in the past. He was sent off there for wasting time and winding people up. He's been in the wrong a few times and he must start to grow up."

Open and shut case in Amsterdam

Nick Szczepanik visits the stadium where

almost every possibility is seemingly covered

Performing regularly at Ibrox, one of Britain's finest football grounds. the players of Rangers know all about big stands; but, when they run out to face Ajax at the £80 million, 51,200-seat Amsterdam Arena tonight, they will be looking at the first of a new generation of sports stadiums. Depending on the weather, Rangers may even find themselves playing in-doors, thanks to the Arena's sliding roof, the only one of its

opened or shut in 15 minutes. Privately owned — Ajax will rent it for home games at a cost of £2.8 million per season — and built by Ballast Nedam, an Anglo-Dutch com-pany also involved with Sun-derland's Wearmouth Stadium, the Arena is "an event hall where you can play football", according to Peter Joustra, one of the men behind it.

A Ucfa consultant who wrote the European governing body's manual of technical requirements for new stadiums and collaborated on the Taylor Report, Joustra is one of Europe's most respected experts on safety stan-dards. He is convinced that hooliganism, even in Holland, will not be a problem. "There has been a change of

mind," Joustra said. "The Ajax stadium is a totally new way of thinking. We don't even consider hooliganism any more." One of his preven tive measures is to ensure high standards of spectator comfort and convenience (750 of those); although total evacuation time in the event of emergency, even from the 350 wheelchair spaces, is only six minutes, Joustra does not want his "clients", as he calls them, to leave in a hurry.

In fact, he would like them there all day. "We have a cinema, creches, 25 restaurants from Chinese to Mc-Donald's, a concert hall and a snooker hall. After the game, you don't go straight home, you stay, watch a concert and have a drink or a meal."

The Ajax players have not feit as much at home. The move to the Arena has coincided with a run of injuries. disputes and poor home form. including defeat in their previ-



The state-of-the-art Amsterdam Arena, in which Rangers will play Ajax tonight

ous Champions' League game ainst Grasshoppers. The natural grass pitch has

been causing problems. In choosing a fixed playing surface rather than the moveable sections of turf seen at Detroit's Pontiac Silverdome during USA 94, Ajax were gambling on an untried technological solution to a new situation — even with the roof open, some of the surface rarely sees sunlight - and. despite computer-controlled watering, drainage and tem-perature, it has already been back to the drawing board.

We've had to returf three large sections, which did not 'take' as we would have liked,"

Ronald van der Aart, of the Arena, said. "Winter is coming, and the problems may not be completely solved until it gets warm again in summer, but we're on the way to having them under control. We feel very confident that we will have a good pitch."

move have been better. While Ajax used to attract average gates of only 18,000 and had to sell their best players to make ends meet, the new stadium, with two adjacent railway stations and a through-road giving access to underpitch parking, has generated such a surge of

interest that matches are sold out for the next two seasons. The first executive box to be sold on netted a 60 per cent profit on the cost of £100,000. Stadium tours attracted 2,500 a day, 7,000 on one Saturday, while the Arena was still a hard-hat area. There has even

been a wedding there. As England contemplates a new national stadium, the Amsterdam Arena, ideal for a cold northern European setting - if they can get the grass right — points one way forward. The technology is not limited to 50,000-seat size. While England procrasti-nates, the first true 21st century stadium is already here.

Koreans unmoved by Blatter remarks

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WORLD Cup organisers in South Korea said yesterday that they were not taking seriously criticism of preparations for the 2002 finals made by Sepp Blatter, the Fifa general secretary.

South Korea and Japan were jointly awarded the task of hosting the 2002 finals after both nations had spent months in bitter competition for the honour. Blatter warned that this rivalry had not diminished and that Fifa may have to award the event to another country.

Japanese officials would not comment, saying that they were still waiting to see the interview with Blatter in World Soccer magazine. They denied that Fifa had made any official complaint.

However, an official at the

Office of Preparation for the 2002 World Cup in Seoul said that South Korean organisers were taking Blatter's comments as "personal" and "not serious". The official said that there was enough time for South Korea and Japan to resolve their differences through negotiations.

Disputes over the preparations have become so sensitive that Fifa has cautioned the two nations about making statements in public. "I must say that the countries are not only not coming closer, it's quite the opposite. They are moving further apart. This is not the marriage we want," Blatter allegedly told World Soccer.

A meeting is to be held in Zurich on November 6 and Blatter said that, before then, Fifa intends to meet Japanese and South Korean officials to discuss how they plan to work together. But he added: "It won't be easy. They cannot even agree on the shape of the tournament.

"Japan, for instance, want perhaps 40 teams in the finals so they have more matches in their cities - but the Koreans want only 32 teams because they have envisaged only main host cities hosting matches."

Blatter warned that 2002 would be the only time that the tournament is hosted jointly. We are learning to appreciate the reasons for one country even more in this present situation regarding 2002," he

Clark 'not at risk' in Forest .. takeover

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANK CLARK, the Nottingham Forest manager, has been assured that his job will be safe should Grant Bovey succeed in his battle to take control of the FA Carling Premiership club.

Bovey, a life-long Forest supporter, is favourite to take charge at the City Ground after making a near £30 million takeover bid, including a substantial amount of money to be made available to Clark for team-strengthening.

Bovey is so confident of beating the three other groups bidding for control that he has already spent hundreds of thousands of pounds to ensure that he could take over immediately if shareholders give their approval at Forest's annual meeting on October 31.

However, although he is concerned about Forest's position - they are fourth from bottom after failing to win since the opening day of the season — he will not be following the example set by the Caspian Group, which took charge of Leeds United in the summer and replaced Howard Wilkinson as manager with George Graham within a few weeks.

Bovey said: "It is not my intention to change the personnel. We haven't gone into detail about practical matters like that, but my initial reaction is that Frank Clark is a successful manager, and we would have no reasons at this point in time to replace him.

"From our point of view, the quicker things can happen the better. Every week that goes by is one lost in having the chance to improve the team. - but the people at Forest are aware of that.

"People ask if I would go ahead with the deal if Forest were relegated, but, if all goes to plan, I'll already be at the club long before such a time. I would like to help them now to avoid the possibility of going down. It is something we want to steer clear of because the financial implications would be considerable."

Forest have debts of more than 15 million, but Bovey is confident that he can make the club a viable proposition. "I wouldn't have taken things as far as I have if I didn't feel confident about that," he said.

QPR players threaten TV boycott

QUEENS Park Rangers players yesterday indicated that they will boycott their Sky TV match against Crystal Palace on November 10, should a strike be called this week. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) is in dispute with the Football League, claiming that it is entitled to ten per cent of television revenue.

Players have until today to return their ballot forms and an announcement will be made on Saturday as to whether they have voted for strike action

Simon Barker, the Queens

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negotiated until we are blue in the face and we've got no-where," he said. "What can you say to an organisation that says 'go out there and entertain but, by the way, we are keeping your money'.

If the players vote for a strike, it will come into force on November I. The first game to be affected would be the Nationwide League first division match between Grimsby Town and Sheffield United on November 3.

John Dennis, the chairman of Barnsley, is still hoping that common sense will prevail. "We have discussed the sinua-Park Rangers captain, be-lieves that PFA members and the players." Dennis said.

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"I hope a compromise can be reached between the PFA and the League, so that strike action can be avoided." The League is considering legal sction in an attempt to prevent the strike.

Fulham have turned down an approach from Brighton and Hove Albion to groundshare at Craven Conage next season. Brighton, who will be without a home from May, are still hoping to share with Portsmouth but a groundshare application has not yet been lodged with the League. David Bellotti, the Brighton

TODAY'S FIXTURES

chief executive, sounded out Fulham officials after supporters mentioned five London grounds as possible alterna-

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tives to Fratton Park at a meeting in July.

Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, confirmed that he had turned down the approach because of an agreement with the local council. We are sympathetic to Brighton's problems but there's no question of anyone else playing at Craven Cottage,"

Fratton Park was Brighton's first choice for a ground-share when the Goldstone Ground was sold 15 months ago. Crawley and Hove greyhound stadiums flave also been considered as temporary homes. The club is keen to press on with plans for a new stadium at Toad's Hole Valley in Hove.

East Commell (at Bath City): Bedford v Brent (at Sectord United), Southampton v Reading (at Staplewood) London Cup: Susser v Kent (at The Salitons). Inter-county under-16: West Yorkshire v Notinghamshire (at Casett Athen, 7.15).

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Neath v Caledonia (7 30) Uster v Harlequins (at Reventur)

Cardiff v Munster (7 15) Man v Toulouse (7.30)

European Conference

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent When there are finesses available in several suits, players can get confused as to which one to take. I hope you would have made a better shot at this hand than did the declarer. There are certain parallels to the Danny Roth hand I gave yesterday.

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Contract Four Spedes by South, Leed; Jack of diamond

±1084 South opened One Spade and North raised to Four Spades. Declarer won the diamond in hand with the queen, and his first mistake was to play a heart to the queen, attempting to dispose of his losing club.

But there was no hurry for this. Playing the finesse against the jack of clubs is as good as finessing against the king of hearts. A club return from East after he wins the king of hearts enables the defence to get a club ruff to beat the contract, but in practice East returned a diamond. in desperation declarer had to lay down the ace of spades.

When that dropped the king he could enter dummy with the second round of spades to take a club discard on the ace of hearts: thus after some ping-pong at tricks two and three declarer made his CORTRACT

This is the correct technique. Lay down the ace of spades at trick two. If both players follow without the king falling, continue with the ace of

hearts and a heart ruff. Now cash the remaining high diamonds. If the thirteenth diamond is good, discard a club from dummy on it. If the last diamond is not good, ruff it and get off play with a spade. If the worst comes to the worst you will have to hope the jack of clubs is with West. But there are club positions in which East has the jack and yet the defence cannot take three clubs, eg if East has A J or K J doubleton, or if East has A K J of clubs and the king of This line of play works if the

king of spades is singleton, or if diamonds are three-three, or if the jack of clubs is onside, or if the defence cannot unscramble their club tricks. The red herring is the queen of hearts - without that the elimination line would have been more

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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LASTAGE

a. A tax on fairs b. Old age c. Endurance

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a. An Egyptian goddess

b. A sculptor's frame c. A rock plant LYFKIE a. A fair b. A bodice

Answers on page 50



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESI CORRESPONDENT

London clubs

The new season of the Hamilton Russell League for London clubs is under way. In the first cup match Brooke's Club beat the Chelsea Aris Club by 44-14. The Arts Club, though, had the consolation of winning this game on board one, White: Barry Martin (Chelsea Arts Club) Black: Martin Russell

Hamilton Russell Cup League, London, October 1996 French Defence

(Brooke's Club)

(by transposition) N/2 5 Bd7 6 Bd2 7 b3 8 0-0 C5 Ba3 Bxc1 f5 Nh6 Bxc6 Rxc6 Kh2 30 31 Db4+ Oxg7 Oxh6 Ot6+ 33 34 35 36 OhB 4

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Correction

Lord Kilbracken has written to point out that the diagram on Monday for the game Znosko-Borovsky Silverman was missing the black knight on g4. This column welcomes games. comments and queries by readers. The best games will be published in The Times.

Tilburg

After four rounds of the Fontys tournament in Tilburg, Holland. Alexei Shirov leads with three points, Britain's Michael Adams has two points, having defeated Judith Polgar in an 82-move marathon.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Lid (tel: 01376 321276 at 50.99 plus postage and packing).

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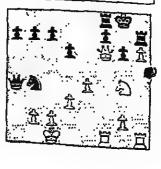
WINNING MOVE Branch Commence

By Raymond Keene

Og?

White to play This position is from the game Krasnov — Averkin. USSR 1969. A question that could be asked in this position is how did the black rook get to the strange square h? However, a more interesting question is how did White now linish his kingside attack in brilliant style?

Solution on page 50



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RACING: OWNER HARBOURS DOUBTS ABOUT MELBOURNE TRIP

Lehane aware of pitfalls facing Oscar Schindler

CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Oscar Schindler lines up for the Melbourne Cup on November 5, his owner Oliver Lehane's stomach will be knotted even tighter than usual. Knotted because Lehane is going against his instincts in sending the Irish St Leger winner and Are third for Australia's greatest race.

After Öscar Schindler strode past the Arc finishing post Lehane's immediate thoughts were of the Breeders' Cup in Toronto, an ideal chance to make his colt an international stallion prospect. He has been persuaded ngainst that by Michael kinane and his trainer. Kevin Prendergast.

"I was told I was off my head going for the Breeders' Cup but I don't accept that," he said. "Helissio is not going to Canada and we would have been meeting the same horses as we did in the Arc. Australia is just not of the same significance in stud terms as the Breeders' Cup but I've given in to the pressure as I don't know enough about racing to argue," Lehane said,

Lehane is rejuctant to go against his instincts as they have served him well. The

Curragh-based bachelor, 53, is now semi-retired but secure, having started his working life as a bank official. Self-made and a realist, he holds few illusions about racing, especially the difficulties facing the small owner.

"If I got out of horses now I



Lehane: realist

wouldn't miss it. Racing has never been a passion for me. It's just so difficult for the small owner. I'm lucky to have a good horse but it is also a worry. If I was offered the choice of playing golf with three pals or going racing there would be no contest, Lehane, who part-owned the

1989 Thyestes Chase winner. Olan Lad, said. He is keen however not to sound like a moaner but

realism is a word that keeps cropping up in conversation.

Brought up in the small town of Athy, Co Kildare, his first sporting interest was greyhounds but eventually his involvement was curtailed because of work. Ten years with a provincial bank ended when he joined his family's

amusement arcade business. Lehane expanded his arcade business into Dublin and sold out profitably ten years ago. He now confines himself to an interest in a number of nurs-ing homes in Belfast, Experience though has taught him financial realism. He said: "The honour and

the glory of Melbourne is fine but it will be a long haul back if he runs badly and 111 be £60,000 down. The flight alone will cost £48,000. The first prize in Melbourne, I believe, is £750,000, less 20 per cent for trainer and jockey and the £60,000 expenses, so that's around an 8-) gamble on winning. That is more worry than excitement," he said.

Lehane confirms that no arrangement regarding expenses has been struck, but he surprised that there is no

Oscar Schindler's stud future. "The offers so far have been ridiculous. I was offered

£500,000 recently and my reply was: Which leg do you want for that? If I can't sell him. I'll race him at five." His experience has con-

firmed his belief that Flat racing at the top level is more business than sport, including securing the services of top jockeys. "I can't normally get the Kinanes, the Dettoris or the Edderys of this world because

they're all tied up so Kevin Prendergast and myself have ad to use the best available. This is a top-heavy game." But there are upsides too. Oscar Schindler has a devoted following, including a Dublin taxi driver who has travelled

to Paris and England this year to see every one of his races. "That's the nice part and inwardly I'm thrilled to see a horse I bred myself do so well," he said. Victory in Melbourne though would be more relief than exaltation.

Ultimately, people want honour and glory. I want the best for the horse and to make him more valuable. I've said I'm going and I'm going. Let's just hope we don't live to regret it," he said.



Eddery can afford to ease Showboat down after an impressive first appearance at Leicester yesterday

Showboat takes first step to stardom

VETERAN owner-breeder Dick Hollingsworth has produced a stream of high-class horses over four decades and Showboat looks another booked for stardom after an impressive debut victory at Leicester yesterday. The crimson silks with silver braid

have been carried with distinction by a succession of top-class performers, notably Buoy, the 1980 Oaks winner Bireme, Longboat, Pilot and Sea Anchor. Showboat dismissed his nine oppo-

WETHERBY

2.20 Jackson Park, 2.50 Deise Marshall, 3.20 Direct

Route. 3.50 General Command. 4.20 Antarctic Wind. 4.50 Smart Approach.

2.20 GOLDSBOROUGH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

GOING: 600D TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

THUNDERER

(£3,055: 2m) (19 runners)

nents in division two of the EBF Maiden Stakes with complete authority. Pat Eddery cruised to the front on the 2-1 chance two furlongs out and the son of Warning stormed clear.

Eddery went on to complete a double when giving Questonia a powerful ride to edge out Miss Riviera in a thrilling finish to the Fillies' Conditions Stakes, Coral yesterday took evasive action over Harbour Island for Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch, cutting his price to

(£4,497; 2m 4l 110yd) (6)

(£3,108: 2m 4f 110yd) (17)

3.50 GORDON FOSTER HANDICAP CHASE

4.20 HALLFIELD NOVICES HURDLE

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4.50 ASKHAM RICHARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,227: 3m 1f) (8)

6-11-11 . P#

4-5 Smart Appueach, 4-1 Petible Beach, 7-1 Ligite Tinckere, Garbo's Boy, 8-1 Mrs. Robinson, 14-1 Heddon Haugh, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WETHERBY: Trainant: T Enalasty, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30 8%, Mrs M Revelby, 44 from 152, 28,9%, 6 Richards, 24 from 105, 22,9%; H Johnson, 13 from 70, 18,5%; J Eye, 3 from 21, 14,3%, R Woodhouse, 3 from 22, 19,5%, Jocksyn; E Callagian, 5 winners from 18 rides, 27 6%; P Mvan, 41 from 158, 25,9%, A Maguint, 18 from 71, 25,4%; L Wyer, 36 from 148, 24,9%, R Durmondy, 4 from 19, 21 1%; A Dobbin, 14 from 82, 17 1%;

1-3 Stathman, 5-1 Calogan, 6-1 Rielly Rose, 10-1 Bright Sapphire, 12-1 Sasti, My Handride, 14-1 others

4-5 Bishops Cacile, 3-2 Chastaboldy, 6-1 Intern. 7-1 Speedy Shapesgem, 8-1 Tango s Delight, 16-11 Remember You, 33-1 Lanz Lyd

4.10 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,235: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

Stoute, was ridden by the reigning champion when a staying-on fourth behind Flocheck at Ascot last Friday.

16-1 (from 25-1) after it was revealed he would be ridden by Frankie Dettori. Harbour Island, trained by Michael ☐ Sarah Lamb, the amateur rider, was taken to North Tees Hospital with concussion and suspected internal injuries after taking a heavy fall from Forever Shy at the first fence in the LBW Novices' Chase at Sedgefield yesterday.

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le Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 COURTSHIP. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Fiji. 3.30 MINDS MUSIC (nap).

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104	(4)	6 MOORLIGHT WHADER 20 (M AI Makeups) E Dunley 9-0
105	(f)	OUTFLANKER (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hipson 9-0
106	(6)	RANCIE (Mrs & Briggs) E Weynos 9-0. K Fallon -
107	(E)	RESHT WINS (Lord Challes) W Hem 9-0
195	(7)	O TOP OF THE GRISEN 14 (7 Molecus) P Makes 9-0
109	(9)	D COME TOGETHER 28 (C Wright) D Arbettwel 8-9 6 Carlet 78
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212	(5)	441005	CHEROKEE PUBLIT 19 (O.F) (P Leonard) Mrs J Reposten 8-10 K Fation 96	
213	(4)	6250	MANHATTAN DIAMOND 103 (B) (Mrs B Higgins) A Bailey 8-7 G Carter 87	
214	(13)	400	EXPECTATION 40 (1 S Racing) P Webber 8-7 D Harrison 87	
215	(1)	362	HURNALL LADY 17 (Hurgill Lodge Partners) J Walts 8-7	
216	(16)	606005	SPARKLING HARRY 11 (B) (Mess L Septain Mess L Septail 8-6 G Hand 68	
217	(B)	601500	MOLLY DRUMMOND 18 (B.CO.S) IR Hughes Patners) W Stey 8-8 M Bloch 89	
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219	(15)	144331	COME TOO MAMMA'S 97 (O,G) (J Brown) J Berry 8-3 . P Fessey (5) 92	
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	(11)	225460	TEN PAST SIX 6 (C.F.) (J. Houserley) M. Wane 4-9 2 D. Mickegero	79	į
10	.(1)		HARBOUR DUES 55 (D.BF.F.S) (Heamonds Stud) Lady Hernes 3-8-11 R Cochrate	84	ı
11	(3)	41	MICHAWK RIVER 42 (G) (Shelib Mohamened) M Shorte 3-8-11 W R Swindown	70	Ĺ
12	(40)	1203	STANAGER SPELL 53 (S) (W Robics) A Crariton 3-8-11	88	L
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15	(10)	1-203	STORY LINE 16 (5) (Broughton Homes) B Hills 3-8-4 M Roberts	87	

SETTERS: 7-2 Milests Marrie, 9-2 Serrorer Spell, 5-7 Kniebo, 6-1 Myraja, 8-1 Jugush, 9-1 Harbour Dass, 16-1 Content State 51.5 1995; SERASTIAN 3-9-1 Pai Eddary (1-2 Sa) H Cool 5 Ros

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06	(6)	5-6403	SPRICING SUN 20 (B) (K Abdulla) B Halls 8-13 K Fellon	- 1
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2.50 BOBBY RENTON HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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1 234- COOL WEATHER 161 P Cheestrough 8-11-10	1
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3 045- CARSON CITY 163 (G) M Williamson 9-11-5 P Niven 87	, I
4 D4-2 DBSE MARSHALL 25 J Wade 8-11-4 A Marsers Ed	1
5 US-5 COMMANDEER 21 (S) Mass M Milliosa 8-18-11 A S Scritt Al	3 I
6 3352 GUIXALL CROSSET 10 E Cane 11-18-0 Mr P Murray (7) E	1
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3.20 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP HURDLE (53.574: 2m) (8)

1	233	DIRECT ROUTE 168 (D.F.G.S) H Johnson 5-12-0 N Walternson 94	į
2	112	DONE WELL 25F (D.F.G) P Monteuts 4-11-9 A Dobbin St	ð
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4	232	SHENING EDGE 151 (CD.F.E) T Exsenty 4-11-1 L Wyer 9	į
5	153-	DESERT FIGHTER 19F (C.F.) Mrs M Reveloy 5-10-11 P Roven 83	į
		SARMATIAN 20 (D.F.S) M Hammond 5-10-10 R Garder 97	
		ROI DU NORD 20F (D.F.S) 5 Campion 4-10-1 A Maguire 91	
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B QY6 TIP IT IN 64 (D,6,5) A Smith 7-16-0 M Brennan 9-4 Direct Rouse, 3-1 Prizelegater, 7-2 Done West, 5-1 Desert Fighter, 6-1 Sarmalana, 8-1 Shimog Edge, 16-7 Rov Du Hord, 56-1 Tip It in.	A Dissipation 16, 17 Feb. HAYDOOK PARK 1 Trahem: H Cated, 23 entrains from 62 numers, 37 1%, E Dantiop, 3 from 10, 30.0%, B Meethan, 3 from 11, 27.3%, R Fathey, 3 from 13, 22.1%, J Dantiop, 58 tom 154, 22.5%; P Crospitelyer, 6, 36, 26228, Justicepy, Par Endorry, 27 entrains from 87 rises,
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EXETER	3.40 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN OLDIES STAKES (£1,502: 1m 5f) (9)
THUNDERER 2.10 Buglet. 2.40 Trail Boss. 3.10 Pongo Waring. 3.40 Shahrani. 4.10 Bishops Castle. 4.40 Out Ranking. 5.10 Kesanta.	1 /P BALLYNAYS 17 IN Ayetts 7-12-4 Chris Brumsl 2 G SCOTTEN PARK SUF M Pipe 7-12-7 Mikes Ballemons 3 213- BRIGHT SAPPHARE 365 (F.6) D Backett 10-12-0 Bryon Small 4 2 CALSAN 953 (F.6) D Sacati 5-12-0 Bryon Small 5 2-40 MY MARYMISKO 17 (G) 1 Jones 6-12-0 Smoot Earls 6 00/ SAAR 67 R Bales 5-12-0 Cobe Brown 7 1111 SAMPRAN 25 (F.6) M Pipe 4-12-0 Peter Southernore
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2.10 DEAN & DYBALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

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1	12PP	BUGLET 14 (V.C.P) M Pros 6-12-0 D Walsh
2	PHT/	COLDUR SCHEME 527P (G) H Home 9-11-1 B McGann (7)
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4	-342	CASHFLOW CRISIS 14 (P) J Medius 4-10-13 S Ryan (3)
5	GF/	FAWLEY PLYER 552 (CD.F.G) W G N Turner 7-10-12 J Power (5)
- 6	PO-0	CELCIUS 119 (C.D.F.G.S.) M Page 12-10-9 . G Scopie (5)
7	6063	ALMILLAR 4 (V.F.G.S) J Parêt 8-10-8 Michael Brennan
В		MARRO'S DREAM 35 Mrt. J Retter 8-10-3 6 Hogan
9	0-00	CATMALXER 4 (B) H Webb 5-10-0 Sophie Market
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1-4 K	ing Ct I	Babylno, 7-2 Cashillow Cress, 4-1 Buglel, 5-1 Aveillar, 8-1 Mario's
ream,	racky	Fiyer, 12-1 others
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2.40 DEAN & DYBALL NOVICES HURDLE

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(£2,3	06. 2	tm 31) (13)
1	1211	COURBARIL 6 (C.F.G) M Pipe 4-12-4 6 Supple (7)
2	UQ-1	SIGMA RUN 6 (F,G) J Edwards 7-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
3	P-49	BUTE THE BULLET ? A Commbertum 5-10-12 . Litterway
4	000-	CASTLECONNER 189F R Frost 5-10-12 J Frost
5		CROWNHILL CROSS 11 B Militan 5-10-12 D Salter (5)
6		CROWN NORY 32 P Alchers 8-10-12 S Fox
7	BP-	KIRRY MICORSIDE 223 D Marts 5-10-12 . J Railton
a	113-	FLAN CLISTOMER 139 C Banvell 5-10-12 8 Fentan
9	2PP-	TRAIL BOSS 243 Mars H Know 5-10-12 J.F Tilbey
10		FROME LAD 471F W G M Turner 4-10-11 J Power (7)
51	24-0	SPLIMANTE 26 M tauggeridge 4-10-11 B Powell
12		BICKLEIGH BELLE S Knight 6-10-7 T Dascambe (3)
13	5-	COMMANGETT'S PRIDE 228 P Hobbs 5-10-7 A P McCoy
1-7 Co	utei.	7-2 Signa Run. 6-1 Grown Ivory, 10-1 Rom Customer, 12-1 Bite
		d Boss. 16-1 others

3.10 DEAN & DYBALL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices chase; £3,759; 2m 6f 110vd) (7) 1 G-P1 PONGO WARRING 14 (C.C.S) Mass H Knight 7-11-6... J F Tidey
2 -190 OURFLIE 18 (C.P.) L Knn 5-11-1 A P McCov

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6-4 Pongo Warng, 3-1 Oor Nildo, 7-2 Westerly Gale, 6-1 Emerald Kralght, 8-1 Duburto, 12-1 Frager Island, 30-1 The Lost Michress.				
	0422	OUR MIGO 18 P Region 6-10-9 S Burrough THE LAST MISTRESS 42 (F) J Neptle 9-10-9 W Marston		
5	05-4	WESTERLY GALE 18 N Henderson 6-11-0 . M A Fitzgerald		
	FOV	FRAZER ISLAND 553 R Rome 7-11-0 L Aspel (5)		
	/12-	EMERALD KNIGHT 199P (F,G) R Alner 6-11-0 . P Henley (5)		

Weaver loses appeal against suspension JASON WEAVER became He will miss the Cesarethe first jockey to have a witch meeting at Newmarket, suspended sentence activated which starts tomorrow, beunder the Jockey Chib's new cause of the nine days confirmed by the disciplinary disciplinary code when he lost committee, taking his total of an appeal against his latest

bans to 42 days for the year.

Weaver was found guilty of irresponsible riding on Shirley Sue at Pontefract on October 7, collecting a four-day suspension that activated the five days that had been deferred seven weeks earlier.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

102.40, OF 123.200 in or 1214.30 CSP-5108.74 Tineast; C702.83

3.30 (1m 11.218);d1 1, RfVAL BID (C Tesque, 11-11); 2, @Blurred (R Hiles, 9-1); 4, @seneral Hieren (J Wedver, 14-1). ALSO FAN* 5-1 lav Harrey White, 15-2 Nosey Native, Fastrain Plas, 8 Temprises, 10 Amer Alexyadi (8th), 12 Roman Real, 14 Alon Alven, Doctor Bravious, 16 Accests Adventure (5th), 20 Action Jackson, Two Soots, 25 Remats Prince, 33 Willy Sar 17 cm NR Rubblyall, Wel Patch 14-1, 9h hd, 17-1, 12-1, 214, 14-1,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AIR WING (3.00 Haydock Park) Next best: Fiji (2.30 Haydock Park)

cock, 33 Aydigo, Northern Supa, Rockuss, 50 Bonce's Son, Dunston Anight, Hadder, Precious Island 20 ran, NF Oussayed Welcome 184, 34, 24, 31 R Avertural Tote 55,00; 51 90, 51 90, 52 90 DF C4 50 Tho 248 30 CSF-C13 72 4.30 (1m 8yd) 1, QUESTONIA (Pat Edder), 11-8]; 2, Miss Riviers (M. Hills, 5-1 Lay), 3, Salesement (R. Hills, 5-1) ALSO RAN 20 Bortan Denotes (4th., 100 Condition Red (5th) 5 ran, Hd, 9, 91, 25 H Cacil Tote (2.20, £1 40, £1 10 DF C3 OCSF £3 31 6.00 (1m 8yd) 1, DUR PEOPLÉ (J Wessell, 5-60) 5.00 (1m Byd) 1, OUR PEOPLE (J Weaver, 1); 2, Michael Venture (N. Dettey, 33-1); Deep Water (T Quinn, 9-4 lay) ALSO RAN 2 Spy Knot (4th), 5 High Imague (6th), 11 Sperush Knot (5th), 10 Zhoth, 20 High Cn Ld Sparrich Knot (Shi), 10 Zibeth, 20 High On Life, 25 Beauchting Lon, Neen Dance, Warther Nashwan, 35 Protocol 12 ran, NF, Pinchnota 41, 3 NF, 14, 61 M Johnston Tota, 27 90, 62 10, 612 90, 6110, DF; 2133 30 Trio 6273 20, CSF 6138,03 Jackpot: Not won — pool of £2,383.22 cerried forward to Haydock today. Placepot: £182,70. Quadpot: £23,80.

Sedgefield

George good to firm
2.15 (2m. 54) hotel 1, Red Jam Jar (G Cshal,
7-2), 2 Classic Crest (10-1), 3, Sheiton Abbey
(9-2) 9 ran 2, St. 8 Bell, Tole, 23 90, 61 70,
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£45 (2m. 11 hotel 1, Carret Girt (C Cshall, 5-1),
2, Fen Terner (11-2), 3, Marsden Rock (7-2)
Simand 5-2 lov 10 ran 11-1, 10, 8 Bishord
Tole £5 10, £140, £3.00, £200, DF £22,00
Tele £46,50 CSF £30,70, Tricast: £39 88,
315 £2m. 644 hotel 1, Clean Effice, £7 4.40 DEAN & DYBALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,717. 2m 1f 110yd) (4) 1 114- CRACK ON 272 (D.G.S) P Hobes 6-12-0 A P McCov 2 3111 OUT RANGING 14 (CD.F.G.S) M Pige 4-11-13 C Maude 3 -216 ECHO C. MASSET 18 (G) A Mobes 4-11-13 Mr G Sheakon (7) 4 6532 UTILE HOOLIGAN 14 (B.CD) G Edwards 5-10-0 Mr R Thomston (7) 11-10 Old Ranking, 7-4 Charl On, 6-1 Links Hooligan, 8-1 Echo De James 3.15 (2m 6k/ hole) 1. Clean Edge (1 Husband, 15-2), 2. Notable Exception (2-1 tav); 3, Scarbo (5-1), 7 ran, 91, 51, 3 Macket Cote, 58.50; C1.70, C1.70, DF: 58.80, CSF-52.29.

5.10 DEAN & DYBALL MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (52,169: 2m 1i 110yd) (8) 9-4 Indian Crown, 11-4 Ausanta, 4-1 Lez Laugh, 5-1 Dragonnist, 6-1 Burm. Sienna, 8-1 Hydernda, 20-1 others

22 00, (3 sp. DF: £17.10. GSF: £59.00
4.15 (3m 3f ch) 1, Jendere (6 Carlet, 16-1); 2, The Gallopin major (13-8 fav); 3, Grand Scarvey (7-2, 7 ma. NR. Woodlands Genther, Nr. 21.8 Elision, Tote, £19.90; 56 10, £2-20 DF: £20.70 CSF £41.03. Incast. £106.31
4.45 (25m ch) 1, Le Dennstan (7 Reed, 20-1); 2, Blue Charm (5-6 lan), 3, Val De Rema (7-2) 10 ran. 14-1, 8, Tote, £17.80; £4.60, £1.10 pr. (25-90, DF: £9.90, 57-53.60)
5.15 (2m 1f field 1, Dumid (R Guest, 4-7 lan), 2, Big Ports, (9-1); 3, Gezambi (12-1) 9 ran 24-1, vi. D Smith, Tote; £1.60; £1.00, £3.80, £3.70 DF: £1.93 Tho, £10.20, £3.F £3.80 **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANERS: Miss H Amgiri, 28 wemens from 81 numers 34 6%, J Edwards, 3 from 10 30 0%; N Heroderson, 6 from 21, 28 6%; M Pipe, 70 from 255, 27 5% R Rosse, 3 from 11, 27 3%. Placapol: £142.00. JOCKEYS: J Titley, 7 minners from 30 rides, 23.3% A P McCoy 13 from 72, 18.1%, M A Fitzperald, 16 from 93, 17.2%, J Ration, 4 from 24, 16.7%; E Harvey, 9 from 62, 14.5%, P Henley, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

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David Powell meets a former junior champion for whom tennis is history

Baily happy with no strings attached

on Sportsnight with Des Lynam, about how Sky News

cameras turned up at his home in Curdridge, Hamp-shire, after his victory in Melbourne to film him on the family tennis court. "I am completely indistinguishable

from any other student," Baily

Baily has not a single racket

with him at university, has not even joined the tennis society.

"I would rather spend my time

doing absolutely anything else," he said. "I have joined

the German society, and the Irish society, and I was think-ing of joining the Morris dancing club." He gives ten-nis, and tennis people, hardly

When was your last tourna-ment? "About August 1994."

When was the last time you

picked up a racket? Two or

three months ago, at home with my girlfriend." And the

last time you went to watch a

match? "Oh God [pauses] — over a year ago. I cannot remember who I watched. I

think I went for the strawberries and cream and to bump

would have been Henman at

Ah, Henman at Wimbledon.

So, do we hear Baily singing "Could've been me"? No, we

do not. Baily insists. "I used to play him a lot," he recalled. "We both started off at the David Lloyd Tennis School and I was in a three-man

squad: myself, him and [Jamie] Delgado. I cannot

remember losing to him but I

beat him all the time but it

takes so many other factors [to reach the top| - hard work and the dedication of abstaining from so many aspects of

life. It would not have been

Within weeks of his triumph

in Australia, Baily became. increasingly aware that he

lacked the drive evident in

Henman now. He dropped out

of tennis in 1994, aged 19. "I

had been questioning myself

right thing? Am I a monoma-

languages through my years

as a tennis player and through

my travel. Tennis had been a

way of life since the age of 12. I

got coaching when I was seven

and played my first tourna-

ment when I was eight. I only

had one shot at life. It was time

had the experience, particular-

I'm ever so pleased I have

to try something else.

"I developed an interest in

niac? I thought I was.

and my future on and off for a

"I would have expected to

must have done.

nental attitude."

into a few old friends." The last time you watched tennis on television? That

Wimbledon.'

a moment's thought.

said. Proud of it, too.

n the week that Tim Henman achieved the highest world ranking by a British male tennis player for 12 years, and Greg Rusedski struck the fastest recorded service on his way to winning the Beijing Open. James Baily did nothing to merit a newspaper headline. Not like three years ago. Not that he cared.

Baily's week started with his first day on a languages degree course at Bristol University which, though not a media event, at least opened a new chapter in his life. "Any regrets?" was the key question to Baily, who abandoned a potentially lucrative and glamorous career in professional tennis, mainly because he feared he was a monomaniac.

His reply, delivered with no more time to think than a service return, was a decisive "no". Other reasons for quitting? "I did not feel I had achieved everything I wanted but I felt stagnant," he said. "I did not want to go through the daily labour of training, strict diet, lack of intellectual stimulation, always early to bed.

early up." In 1993, Baily became the first British boy for 28 years to win a junior grand-slam championship, taking the Australian title in Melbourne. "World beater" was one nat-ional headline, "heir apparent" another. Defeating Hen-



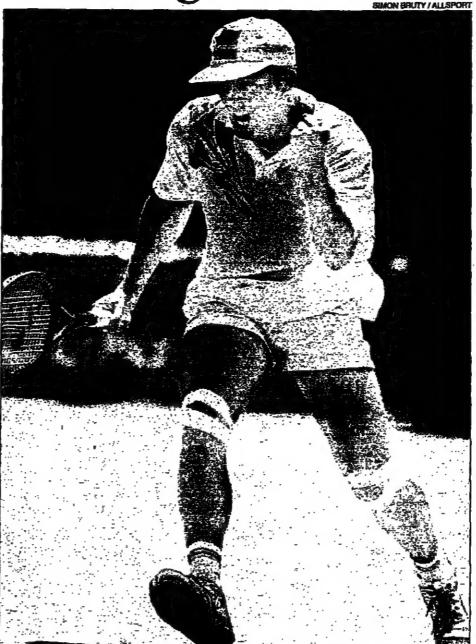
man, as he used to seemed nothing by comparison with holding up a trophy on which were inscribed the names of Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall. John Newcombe and Stefan

It seems more appropriate now to record that also on the trophy were the names of Jorgen Windahi and Geoff Whitecross. They, too, never delivered on that early prom-ise. Baily's neat fair hair has given way to shoulder-length, untidy brown locks. His smart, immaculate, sponsored kit has been replaced by

scruffy student clothing.
Baily, still only 21, has kept
quiet at university about his
tennis past, about how William Hill offered him at 100-1 to win Wimbledon before the

TOMORROW

A sprint sensation who has joined the dole queue



Triumphant in Melbourne in 1993, Baily turned his back on tennis the next year

possible to succeed with my ly the travel, meeting people, and the experience of other cultures, the elation of winurely some small rening and the depths of despair gret, when you watchof injury and loss. The idea of Henman at doing French and German is Wimbledon, that you to immerse myself in their had not at least stuck at it society, culture and language, longer? "I did not even think and to come out with a more about it. There was no jealouinformed view than the native sy or envy, which would have been a sign of regret." would have

Lloyd is among those proved wrong. "I think he will make it," Lloyd said in 1993, noting Baily's "enormous" forehand. Lloyd added that it was "frightening" how the British press so wanted a champion, but Baily was not year, thinking: Am I doing the nonchalant as far as press coverage was concerned," Baily said. "It did not put

pressure on me." He has four years ahead of him at university. Then what? He could call on former tennis contacts to provide him with work, using his languages in marketing or management. "I would rather not do that," he said. "I would rather find something completely new." Anyone for tennis? Not Baily. Anything but tennis.



Now a student, Baily has no regrets about his decision

SNOOKER: POLITICAL WRANGLING OVERSHADOWS START OF GRAND PRIX

Doyle calls for Spencer to stand down

POLITICAL in-fighting in professional snooker is hardly a new phenomenon, but even the most staunch supporter of the game's governing body would find it difficult to deny that an unusual ground swell of dissatisfaction exists at present [Phil Yates writes].

Critics of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA). of which there are many, have grown increasingly frustrated over a number of issues, including the ranking system, organisational errors and a lack of sponsorship for two of the premier events

tournament of the season, which carries a world-ranking point tariff, begins its tenday run at the Bournemouth Internation-

al Centre this morning without any corporate financial backing. In April, when the BBC signed a five-year contract with the WPBSA to cover four events per season, it was generally assumed that the Grand Prix, and the United Kingdom championship, which takes place at Preston next month, would be attractive propositions for potential

Yet, despite viewing figures which

The Grand Prix, the first domestic remain the envy of most sports, and more prime-time programme slots, the total prize-money of £330,000 on offer at the Grand Prix will be drawn from WPBSA

The WPBSA pleads shortage of time since signing the BBC contract and an unwillingness to sell the events for less than it considers them to be worth. But lan Doyle, manager of Stephen Hendry, the defending Grand Prix champion, has publicly stated that he believes John Spencer, the WPBSA chairman, should move over", and that a "proper management structure" should be put in place.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48 LASTAGE

(a) A toll payable by traders attending fairs and markets, from the medieval Latin lestagium. Connected with last meaning a commercial denomination of weight. "That all the citizens of london to self-out to the citizens of

(b) A unit of weight anciently used in Western Asia, Greece and Egypt. Probably originally a Babylonian word. "The Greeks had a second pound of 16 physical ounces, called the mna or

MATHESIS (a) Mental discipline: learning or science, especially mathematical science. From the Greek mathesis action of learning, from the root of manthdnein to learn. "They can make immense progress in the infinite fields of mathesis."

(b) A bodice. From the Dutch lijhen "corpusculum, subucula, exomis". Lyly, Euphues 1579: "Their spots, their lawnes, their leefekyes, their rufles, their rings:/ Shew them rather Cardinalls curtisans then modest Matrons."

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BADIO CHOICE Still a long way to go

Hungary — Where Is 1956? Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Paul Neuburg hit upon an effective way to chart the erratic progress. Hungary made towards normalisation after Soviet tanks crushed the 1956 revolution. He decided against the easy option of quoting dubiously-reliable statistics and newspaper headlines. Instead, he returned to his native city of Budapest and looked up old classmates who had stayed behind when he fled to Britain after the Soviet invasion. Through their eyes we see the changes that took place in Hungary's fortunes up to 1989, when the Communist regime collapsed, and learn what state the nation is now in. It is a grey picture. The present generation of Hungarians is unlikely to see a return to the good life. The next generation could have better luck.

Treasure Islands. Radio 4, 2.45pm.

And so Winnie the Pooh is 70 years old. By extension, therefore, so are Christopher Robin. Eeyore, Piglet. Tigger and the rest of the cast of A. A. Milne's stender tales. Chris Powling celebrates the birthday with this brief — too brief, surely — tribute. Taking his cue from a psychologist, Nicholas Tucker, who believes that every Milne creation reflects a different side of our own natures. Powling defines the propounced. Tigger tendencies himself as Piglet (timid) with pronounced Tigger tendencies (unspecified). Alan Bennett's matchless readings of the stories mark him out as the only man alive whose voicebox accommodates every Peter Davalice

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RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine with Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscos on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edne 7.20 Trevor Brooking's Footbell Night, the lasts round of matches in the European Champions' League 10.05 The Baker Une 11.00 Night Edne 12.05am After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO 5.00em Early Breakfast 7.00 Paul Roes 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Ras-burn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Pater Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Megamb 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Discovery 9.00 News in German 9.15 Concert Hail 10.05 Business 10.15 Andy Karshaw 10.45 Sport 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.30pm Thirty-Minute Drama 1.00 News in German 1.30 Composer of the Month 3.05 Cuttook 3.30 Megamir 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.05 World Today 6.15 Science View 8.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Discovery 9.05 Cuttook 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Multirack 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Cuttook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.30 Mentolan 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today Europe Today

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12.00 Composer of the women Franck, Richard Lengham Smith talks to the plants?

Smith talks to the plants? Staphen Hough about his approach to Franck's music (Opm News; Concert Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Prazak Quartet. Dvořák (Terzetto in C. Op 74); Smetana (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life) Mildweek Cholos; 0171-765 4308, Ring Susan Sharpe with your request by lunchtime for

4308. Fing Susan Sharpe with your request by lunchtime for the chance to hear it lodgy. Includes Arnold (Little Suita No 1, Op 80); Furtwangler (Symphonic Diatogue, Symphonic Concerto)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Rochaster Cathedral. Director of music Roger Sayer. assistant organist William Whilehead
5.00 Music Mechine. Tommy Pearson investigates the art of piano tuning

of plane luring
5.15 in Tune, Anthony Burlon
introduces a Danish edition
which includes Nelsen (Wind
Ouintet) and Vagn Holmboe
(Symphony No 13)

7.30 Bruckner season: A Grand,
Mysterious Harmony: An
Unplayable Symphony?
Stephen Johnson explores
the symphonic legacy of
Anton Bruckner including a survey of Symphony No 2 in C minor performed here by the Ulster Orchestra, under John Carswe, The programme includes contributions from William Cerragan and Otto Biba who

discuss the various versions of this symptomy and the approach of different editors 9.00 Pine Poems for 50 Years: The Wind Dog. In a week cyspecially commissioned newworks. Tom Paulin reads this poem, an autobiography in sound, ranging from bomb blasts in Berlast to the sound of someone wearing hobialed boots walking

9.20 A Venetian Harpstchord. Fabio Bonizzoni plays a 1571 herosichord by Vito Trasuntino, one of the most reversed Italian instrument nekers. The programme includes works by Clima, Gabriell and Picchi 10.00 Volces: Boje Skovhus. The

second of two programmes in which the Danish barilons sings settings of texts by

Strigs settings or tend of Heinrich Heine 10.45 Night Waves: Battle for the Books. Tony Palmer invites Paul Bailey, Tom Paulin and Tim Waterstone to pick their favourite books
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Smetana (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

comedians Tony Hawkes and Stephen Frost are team

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts, with John Wate and his learn of

7.45 Where is 1956? See Choice 8.30 20/20: Talking about the Century. A discussion on the

9.00 Bodies of Evidence. Tony

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RADIO 4

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letters. A son who was put up for adoption corresponds with his natural mother (6/6) 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Gardeners' Cuestion Time, with Eric Robson (r) 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Cofvill and Scarnes. Christopher Lee's new mystery drama. Staming Christopher Benjamin, Amanda Redman and Dudley Sutton 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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Robinson meets the scientific sleuths investigating the armazingly well-preserved remains of the Bog People and a 5,000-year-old ice man (3/3) (3/3) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Fluke

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11.00 My Booze Hell, by Little
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Written and performed by
Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford
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Geraldine Fitzgerald and
Manchy Knight
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SQUASH

Leading contenders slow to find form

FROM COUN MCQUILLAN IN PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA

DISAPPOINTMENT in the Perrier World Open Championship last week has obviously left some psychological baggage with the leading contenders. Both Cassandra Jackman, of England, and Michelle Martin, of Australia. were extended, surprisingly, to five games on the second qualifying day of the world team championship here

yesterday. Jackman, leading the line in an eventual 30 win over Holland, played with some authority against Vanessa Atkinson until she reached 6-0 in the second game, having

won the first 9-4. She then seemed to lose interest, triggering a determined attack from the Dutch woman, who lost that game marginally but took the next two on tie breaks, despite an

England match ball at 8-6 in the fourth. Jackman won 9-4, 9-6. 3-10, 8-10, 9-2 in 59 minutes and, with Suzanne Horner and Fiona Geaves both winning, England con-firmed their lead in pool B.

Martin, the triple world champion, whose defence was unexpectedly ended in the individual quarter-finals last Friday, yesterday found her-self 0-5 down in the fifth game against Claire Nitch, the South African first-string, before stiffening her resolve to get home 9-0, 9-4, 4-9, 2-9, 9-6.

Sarah FitzGerald, the new world champion, needed just 16 minutes to add the second rubber and Carol Owens contributed the third-string rubber to leave Australia leading

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Enduring dignity amid devastating grief

on Friday, October 21, 1960? Me, I was coming out of primary school assembly. In all likelihood we had just sung All Things Bright and Beautiful just as they had in the village school in Aberfan. My day carried on as normal. Theirs did not.

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very.

At an age when the scale of the disaster was way beyond my comprehension, my recollection of the immediate aftermath is of remembering the children who had died in morning prayers and sending our pocket money to the Disaster Fund. At that age, it would have seemed perfectly sensible to me that money from the fund, rather than the Coal Board, was used to level the remaining tips. After watching last night's immensely moving Timewatch: Remember Aberfan (BBC2) it seems outrageous.

In recent years it has become almost a term of decision to refer to

There were you at 9.15am the people of South Wales as natural orators. But last night. survivors, parents and teachers talked about the morning that reshaped their lives with a dignified eloquence that was astounding. As the camera's attention passed from one to another in modern documentary style, it took a while for each personal tragedy to emerge. But emerge they did, quietly and powerfully - a sun here, a daughter there, a best friend, a group of chums who used to go swimming together on Sunday morning, an entire foot-ball team: He children, five teach-

> Modern footage of children playing happily in the streets contrasted with the accounts of those who survived, but lost all their friends. Now all nearing 40, one recalled how his buyhood. shock of blond hair made him easier to find and how he was

ers and 23 other adults.

felt-tip pens. Another recalled wiggling her lingers through the inkwell to show her rescuers she was alive and then crying because she had lost one of her shoes.

ne heart-stopping moment came during an interview with the Rev Kenneth Hayes, who described how he "switched over to pastoral work" after local miners arrived to take over the digging. Among the duties he took on was estimating the casualties, which press reports had put at more than 200 but which his knowledge of class size together with some "rough and ready arithmetic" had at 150. He was six out.

There was no way the numbers could add up to 200 - that was the point," he said with the pride of one used to getting his sums right. There was a short pause before a voice from behind the camera pulled from the debris weeping asked: "But you yourself lost a REVIEW



child?" Another pause. "Yes... yes...he was here in one of the classes I spoke about."

If Catrine Clay's film had a fault it was, conceivably, that it was a somewhat sanitised version of events. Surely not everybody in Abertan had borne their loss with the profound dignity of her interviewees. While almost all confessed to dark moments of some sort - be it drink, depression or had fallen altogether. Nevertheless, it was an outstanding memorial both to those who died and to those who survived the day Tip Number 7 slid down the hillside.

If ever a programme eried out for an immediate repeat on BBC1 it was this. But after last night, I'm not sure what sort of programme belongs on BBCl. Apart from being an over-long account of smuggling Kurdish refugees into Britain, Inside Story Special: Kartan's Brothers seemed to be an academic exercise in discovering just how small the channel's audience could become. Very, I would imagine.

With 30 minutes lopped off an astonishing 65-minute running time, the story of how Karzan Krekar helped to get three of his brothers out of the so-called safe haven in northern Iraq might have merited more attention. But even then it would have left all sorts of these was why Karzan Krekar arrested the brothers apparently came to be the central character. the narrator and the assistant director of the film?

Time and again, the film cried out for some independent input. What is British government policy towards the undoubtedly oppressed people of Kurdistan? How did the brothers' plight fit into the continuing political argument about asylum-seekers? Should the BBC be co-operating with people it knows to be entering, if not Britain then the rest of the European Union, on false passports? None of these questions - nor indeed any questions that might have widened a video diary into a debate - was

kraine is currently having a rough time on television. Itwas the baddie in Deadhy Voyage on Saturday night and it was the baddie again last night

only so that the Ukrainian mafia could then charge them \$10,000 to

smuggle them out of the country. So, when Rabbi Gordon jetted off in pursuit of errant husbands in Witness: Manhunter (Channel 4) there were no prizes for guessing where he was going to land. If this was Tuesday, it must be Kiev again. There was the basis for a good film here - rabbinical law in Israel means only a husband can give consent to a divorce, thereby causing all sorts of problems for his estranged wife by withholding it - but this was not that film.

By British secular standards, rabbinical law is sexist and anachronistic, so telling the story from the point of view of a rabbi rather than the wives was a mistake. Still, it's not every day you get subtitles such as "I only do divorces - wait for Rabbi Itzhak, he's just nipped out to slaughter a cow", is it?

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5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceelax) (s) (54,1448) 6.00 NEWS and weather (Ceetax) (535) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (887)

7.00 SMALL TALK (Ceefax) (s) (9061) 7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD Including a new invention that claims to make chippan fires a thing of the past. With Howard Slableford (Castax) (s) (871)

8.00 BIG CAT DIARY Wildlife reports from Kenya's Masal Mara with Simon King and Jonathan Scott (5/5) (Ceefax) (s) (2581) 8.30 NEXT OF KIN Sit-com about a pair of reluctant grandparents, with Panalope Keith and William Gaunt (4516)

9.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

9.30 BECK When a recently widow goes missing, his apparently unsympathetic daughter hires Beck (Amanda Redman) to investigate (3/5) (Ceelax) (s) (34D185)

10.25 PILM: THE TERMINATOR (1984) Sci-fi thriller with Amold Schwarzenegger as a cyborg (part man, part machine) sent back from the future to kill a seemingly innocent woman. She is to be the mother of a rebel leader in a future war With Unda Hamilton, Paul Winfield and Cameron (Ceelax) (270784)

12.05 am FILM: BIG JAKE (1971). Western starring John Wayne as the head of a large clari, who sets off to save his grandson from a violent gang. Also featuring Wayne's son, Patrick, and Robert Mitchum's son, Chris. Directed by George Sherman (814036)

1.50 THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE: THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES The Clinton and challenger Bob Dole (s)

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6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: GIOTTO: THE ARENA CHAPEL (6307245) 6.50 SANTO SPIRITO: A RENAISSANCE CHURCH (9917332) 7.15 SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceeta, and signing) (5004500)

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4471581) 7.55 GROWING UP WILD (r) (s) (8810158) 8.20 CHRISTOPHER

CROCODILE (1) (7470326) 8.25

MONTY (r) (2118326) 8.35 THE RECORD (s) (8060332)

9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: ICI PARIS (2391429) 9.25 SEE YOU, SEE ME (5421993) 9.45 WORDS AND PIC-TURES (1755245) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (19806) 10.30 NUMBERTIME (1893516) 10.45 CATS' EYES (1718871) 11.00 AROUND SCOTLAND (9569264) 11.20 MUSIC MAKERS (9423974) 11.40 ENGLISH EXPRESS (1712790) 12.00 GERMAN GLOBO (7284784) 12.05pm

SEEING THROUGH SCIENCE (9945626) 12.30 WORKING LUNCH (44983) 1.00 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME (17287245) 1.20 THUN-DERBIRDS IN HINDI (96707332) 1.25 ZIG ZAG (17193852) 1.45 COME OUTSIDE (57272332)

2.00 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE (r) (81674142) 2.05 MONTY (r) (s) (81673413) 2.10 THE CHAMPIONS (r) (Cestax) (4947993)

3.00 NEWS (Cestax) (5220326) 3.05 WEST-MINSTER (Cestax) (a) (4630790) 3.55 NEWS (Cestax) (8253974) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (500) 4.30 READY.

STEADY, COOK (784) 5.00 OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (Ceetax) (9099500) 5.40 NEW MARY BERRY AT HOME Recipes for the busy cook (994595)

6,00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (r) (Ceetax) (s) (983887) 6.45 THEY WHO DARE (r) (406142)

7.00 TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (Cestax) (7603)

made for the disabled by the disabled (Ceetax) (a) (413) 8.00 DECISIVE WEAPONS: THE LONGBOW (Ceelex) (6351) 8.30 FAT LADIES: Ment (Ceelax) (s) (2158)



Bonington takes the train (9.00pm)

9.00 GREAT RAILWAY
JOURNEYS: Hallfax to Portesu Cove (Ceelax) (s) (810603) 9.50 ASSIGNMENT SPECIAL: SADDAM'S REVENGE Julie Flint reports (758581) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceetax) (615177) 11.15 CHORAL EVENSONG (s) (127142) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (79140)

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Testament - The Bible in Animation BBC2, 7.00pm

The collaboration between Wales and Russia which gave us animated Shakespeare turns its attention to the other book offered gratis its attention to the other book offered graits to guests on Desert Island Dises. This new series, made partly in Cardiff and partly in Moscow, features nine favourite episodes from the Old Testament. For all its ingenuity the Shakespeare project could not hide the impossibility of compressing Hamlet or Othello into half an hour. The Bible stories fit the format more happily, while allowing the individual animators to experiment in : me individual animators to experiment in a wide variety of styles. Some of the treatments may not suit traditionalists and little of the biblical language survives. But there is considerable talent on show, not least in tonight's version of the story of Moses (voiced by Martin Jarvis) with its elongated designs and striking use of colour.

Decisive Weapons: The Longbow BBC2, 8.00pm

This latest excursion into military history goes back to the Middle Ages and celebrates the awesome power of the English longbow. With its ability to shoot through armour, chain mail and even trees it was, not unnaturally, feared throughout Europe. After a lesson in how the weapon was fashioned from the wood of a yew tree, the bulk of the film is a recreation of the longbow's greatest victory. This was at the battle of Agincourt in 1415 where it helped the English under Henry V to defeat a French army five times bigger. Those who watched Richard Holmes's recent War Walks will know the story but it never stales by retelling, Robert Hardy, actor and archery enthusiast, is among the contributors and the programme plunders cinema versions of Agincourt by Otivier, Welles and Branagh.

Two Fat Ladies: Meat BBC2, 8,30pm

Overweight, over the top and over here, cooks Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright navigate their motorcycle and sidecar towards a post girls' school in Gloucestershire. Their bantering cross-talk and attempts to break into song give the show an impromptu feel, offsetting the obvious contrivance of much of the rest of it. The sheep which block their progress on a country lane may or may not be a set-up. The illness of the school cook, which leaves our duo to feed the school lacrosse team at short notice, most surely is. When the pair turn up at nearby Highgrove to buy some prime organic beef from the Prince of Wales, the only surprise is that HRH is not there to greet them. In contrast to their cooking, which looks terrific. Jennifer and Clarissa are very much a matter of taste.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.00pm

For once in this series the title is justified as the mountaineer Chris Bonington takes the train across the width of Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver. In contrast to other travellers we have met, he seems to enjoy railway travel and is not inclined to make jokes about it. Admittedly the Canadian trains are on the luxurious side and, unlike their counterparts in Africa, are not prone to derailments. Bonington's two detours prove to be as rewarding as his main route. The first is due north from Toronto to the edge of the Arctic. For somebody who likes tranquillity, 2,000 miles with hardly a road or human being is heaven. The other diversion is to the Rockies. Here Bonington leaves the train, puts on his climbing boots and scales a challenging peak in the company of a man who was once Sylvester Stallone's stunt double. Peter Waymark

TO A THE PARTY OF 6.00 am GMTV (7410177)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP!2218142; 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (Teleted) (6005326) 10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (\$) (84072) 10.30 THIS MORNING (27488790) 12.20 pm REGIONAL NEWS

(7282926) 12.30 NEWS (Teletext) (3924968)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (5) (3005887) 1.25 CORONATION STREET (r) (Teleted) (6040264) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (Teleted) (31 (27606245) 2.25 QUISINE (Teleted) (5) (27512652) 2.50 VANESSA (Teleted) (5) (9701516)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (5300516) 3,25 REGIONAL NEWS (5309887)

3.30 TOTS TV (9551974) 3.40 THE PARKIES (6971603) 3.50 ASTROFARM (s) (9555790) 4.05 FELIX THE CAT (4443852) 4.15 ANIMANIACS (s) (6950622) 4.40 DETRACE (COLUMN) (6950622) 4.40 RETRACE (Teletext (8002210) 5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (a) (8106392)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (987871) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (530993) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletex) (624806)

6.50 SPORTSWEEK (608413) 7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Fenerbahce v Manchester United. Bob Wilson presents (ive coverage as Manchester Utd take on Turkish chempions Fenerbahoe in their third Group C match. Manchester need to secure a win tonight in order to be in with a chance of featuring in the quarter-finals (Teletext) (74314806)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to change and alteration



Maggie Norris plays Claire (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Des struggles to accept that Claire has been keeping

10.00 NEWS (Teletext) (11177) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (727581) 10.40 CHILLER: Toby A young, pregnant woman blames herself when she loses

her child in a car crash. When she becomes pregnant again, she cannot convince her husband or the doclors that she is being haunted by the spirit of the baby she lost (r) (Teletext) (s) (808790) 11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Ajax v Rangers and Manchester United v Fenerbahce (770993)

12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (20524) 1.15 GOD'S GIFT (133497) 2.15 CYBER.CAFE (41017) 2.45 DEAR NICK (5541659) 3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (r) (2785901) 4.20 SOUND BITES (92702901) 4.35 THE TIME...THE PLACE (1) (8) (53476217) 5.00 THREE'S A CROWD (r) (s) (16814)

5.30 MORNING NEWS (34123)

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WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7363245) 12.55 CORONATION STREET (3005887)

1.25-1.55 QUISINE (44493587) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14582239) 2.25 VANESSA (27609332)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (2970090) 5,10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8106332) 6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (994993) 8.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (606413)

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As HTV West except: 12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3005887) 1.25 QUISINE (44493567) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44120852) 2.20 VANESSA (27600061)

2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (9701516) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8106332) 6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (624806)

6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (808413) 12.45am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (20524) 2.15 DEAR NICK (5260949) 3.10 IN FOCUS (3638104)

3.55 SOUND BITES (97230611) 4.05 LATE & LOUD (4474340) 5.00 JOBFINDER (8554307) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5252914)

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6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (608413) 5.00am FREESCREEN (16814)

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7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (41993) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (25326) 9.30 YSGOLION (380697) 12.00pm WILD WEST COUNTRY (97090) 12.30 BACKDATE (39061) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (6956871) 1.35 FILM: THE GENTLE SEX (45174719)

3.15 MONTEL WILLIAMS (9646603) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (968) 5 00 5 DINED (2535) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (332)

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8.30 NEWYDDION (4326) 9.00 CUTTING EDGE (9535) 10.00 BROOKSIDE (380719) 10.35 AMERICAN GOTHIC (720968) 11.30 CAROLINE IN THE CITY (84018)

12.00am HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET

12.55 FOUR-MATIONS (6254746)

PARTIE OF THE PARTIES 6.35am SHARKY AND GEORGE (r)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (41993) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Cookery (s) (25326)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Good Health 9.45 Book Box 10.00 Stage Two Science 10.15 Making Sense of Science 10.45 Breaking the Mould 11.07 Lost Animals 11.15 The Mix 11.30 Rat-A-Tal-Tat 11.45 First Edition

12.00 WILD WEST COUNTRY (Teletext) (s) (97090) 12.30pm BACKDATE (Teletext) (s) (39061) 1.00 SESAME STREET (8847535)

1.55 BATTLE OF MIDWAY Oscar-winning film of war in the Pacific. Much of the lootage was shot by John Ford (44224622) 2.20 FILM: The Lamp Still Burns (b/w, 1943) with Rosamund John and Stewart

Granger, Life in a British hospital during the Second World War. Directed by Maurice Elvey (Teletext) (407993) 4.00 PIFTEEN TO ONE (Teletext) (s) (988) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (852) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (2608535) 5.45 TRAVELOG TREKS

(Telelext) (s) (331158) 6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (992535) 6.50 FRESH POP (s) (939055) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (823351)

7.55 THE SLOT (599584) 8.00 BROOKSIDE The Simpsons have to face the altermath of the revelations about Nat and Georgia and recriminations begin to fly about the family's past (Teletext) (s) (8719)



8.30 MOVING PEOPLE Presented by John Peal. Three more households prepare to move, including a 75-year-old widower, Des Behan, who is leaving Britain after 56 years to return to his native Ireland (5/6) (Teleted) (s) (4326)

9.00 ELLEN (Teleferd) (s) (1264) 9.30 THE LOVERS (Teletext) (s) (53697) 10.00 AMERICAN GOTHIC: Triangle (Teletext) (s) (2622)

11.00 RORY BREMNER ... WHO ELSE? (r) (Teletext) (s) (579061) NEW WEEKLY PLANET Jon Snow presents a new discussion programme. Tonight, he looks at the rise

of modern day Islam (s) (1/8) (509332) 1.10mm FILM: Dust Be My Destiny (b/w. 1939) with John Garfield. A wronglyconvicted man, who is sent to a larm, falls in love and goes on the run. Directed by Lawis Seiler (841901)

2.50 FILM: Castle on the Hudson (b/w 1940) with John Garlield A hoodlum given parole from jail takes the blame when his girlfriend kills a crooked lawyer. Directed by Anatole Litvak (8044727)

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7,00am Undur (98871) 9,00 Press Your Luck (5961806) 9,20 Jeopardyl (2061993) 9,45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (3479993) 10,40 Real TV (2397974) 11,10 Safly Jessy Taphael (2676577) 12.00 Geraldo (78974) 1.00pm One to Three (45245) 3.00 Jenny Jones (84061) 4.000 The Corea Winney Show (33388) 5.00 Ster Trek. The Next Generation (1448) 6.00 The New Achen-tives of Superman (74158) 7.00 LAPD 12177 7.30 MASH (8603) 8.00 Really Cauph in the Act (24177) 9.00 The Culci Limits (31413) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (34500) 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (81535) 12.00 Midnight Cafer (58814) 1.00em LAPD (33104) 1.30 Real TV (40982) 2.00 Hir Mb Long Play

7.00pm Ster Tret. Deep Space Nine (4183535) 8.00 Telover (4096055) 9.00 Blood and Orchido (4099142) 11.00 Late Show, with David Letterman (1129784) 12.00 FLM: The Idolmaker (2846096) SKY NEWS

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6.00am A Flea in Her Ear (1968) (56142) 6.00am A Flee in Her Ear (1968) (56142) 8.00 Flying Down to Rio (1963) (39061) 10.00 Rudyerd Kipling's the Jungle Book (1994) (97655) 12.00 Adolf Hitter: Hy Part In His Downtall (1972) (56784) 2.00pm The Blue Bird (1976) (25852) 4.00 The Enemy Within (1994) (3852) 6.00 Cump Nowters (1994) (73603) 7.30 El Features (6041) 8.00 Rudyard Kipkirs/s the Jungle Book (1994) (13051) 11 [2] No Escape (1993) (55500) 12.00 Prehade to Love (1995) (90663) 1.30am How I Won the War (1967) (202123) 3.20 Year of the Dragon (1985) (81683901)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Stella (1950) (56413) 7.30 Bet(1994) (39264) 10.00 Crack Up (1946) (35927) 12.00 Romande Underhiding (1996) (54326) 2.00pm Two Years Before the Mest (1946) (2922) 4.00 Bugs Sunny Superster (1979) (7522) 6.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973) (16158) 8.00 Kerny (1994) (1974) (16158) Bunny Superster (1979) (1622) 6.00 Holidary on the Buses (1973) (16158) 8.00 Keys (1994) (11603) 10.00 Spreach-less (1994) (56055) 11.40 Bed Boy Subby (1994) (966719) 1.35am After Midnight (1999) (564384) 3.10 The Adventures of the Flying Pickle (1993) (610369) 4.55 Hans and the Silver States (1994) (1532830) SKY MOYIES GOLD

4.00pm The Dammed Don't Cryl (1950) (3516) 5.55 How to Steel a Million (1966) (517500) 8.00 Supermen III (1983) (8535) 10.00 Papillon (1973) (61245) 12.35mm Ufford (1980) (8025611) 2.10 To Be of Not to Be (1983) (7281833 Shall We Dance? (1937) (42475) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Stry Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. 6.00am Borkers (3550559) 5.25 Mouse Tracks (4005644) 6.50 Dariwing Duck 5322908) 7.15 Quack Attack (8326036 (532200) 7.15 Chack Alack (632008) 7.40 Aladdin (4122245) 8.05 Firmon and Pumbaa (6227790) 8.30 Bonkers (86500) 9.00 Mouse Tracks (77852) 9.30 Lamb Chaps Pigy Alongl (14871) 10.00 Muppet Bables (63790) 10.30 Adventures in Won-derland (79264) 11.00 Cluech Altack (63318) 11.30 Under the Umbella Tree (4348) 13.00 Experts Book (65318) (64245) 12.00 Fraggle Rock (60516) 12.30pm Lamb Cheps Play Along! (98887) 1.00 Timon and Pumbas (14969) 1.30 Aladdin (97156) 2.00 Darkwing Duck (5871) 2.30 Best of Welt Disney (152,3332) 3.25 Mouse Tracks (6649652) 3.50 Darkwing Duck (2009603) 4.15 Bonkers (2019332) 4.35 Timon and Pumbea (3756910) 5.00 Paraum (2331) 5.30 Ghoshwiter (9952) 6.00 Crossbow (3963) 6.30 Blossom (4245) 7.00 Home Improvement (9887) 7.30 CV Cunn. Medicine Woman (89023) 8.38 Second Noeh (31239) 9.30-10.00 Home

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (18603) 7.30 Wieslung Manie (8200) 8.20 Horse Racing (3606) 9.00 Sports Centre (26158) 9.30 Aerobus (63177) 10.00 The Footballers Centre (1860) 9.30 (186 ASTORICS (0317) 10,00 The Producer's Football Show (28622) 11,00 Soccer Asia Report (13158) 12,00 Aerobecs (39822) 12,30pm Soccer The World at Their Feet (67993 1,00 Equestranism (8005) 3,00 The Footballers' Football Show (37177) A.00 Soccer Asia Report (43784) 4.59
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 1996

Fenerbahce offer hospitable welcome but stern examination

United facing friendly fire

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN ISTANBUL

WHEN Manchester United step out into Asia to play a European Cup Champions' League match at 9.30 local time here tonight, they will be advancing into a garden of light. The name Fenerbahçe alludes to the club's origins on the site of a former lighthouse. which lies on the eastern side of the Bosphorus, and thus brings Asia into the remit of European club football.

Things are pleasant here, which will surprise anyone expecting a repetition of past hostilities, notably when Eng-land played in Izmir, and when Manchester United twice visited Istanbul to play Galatasaray and were greeted with placards reading; "Wel-

The Turkish people, and the Fenerbahçe club in particular, have done everything possible to soothe the waters and to ensure that this encounter will be bathed in proper sporting

Ajax's new home Defiant Sunderland

friendship, even though no one is pretending that it is less than a vital contest, or that the 26,200 Fenerbahçe supporters who will fill the ground 'a capacity will be anything less than fanatical in support of their "Canaries" against what they consider to be a giant of

Manchester United, limping into the stadium for train-ing last night, had several players tentatively hoping to persuade Alex Ferguson, their manager, of their match fitness. Gary Pallister, his sore back having kept him out of the game against Liverpool last weekend, is the manager's biggest doubt. But Ferguson says that Ryan Giggs is struggling with a calf strain and that Paul Scholes, David May and Jordi Cruyff have an assortment of niggles. They did train yesterday, but the verdict usually comes with the

awakening the next morning. One man whose place is in no doubt, despite his admission over the weekend that his indifference to the team effort



Ferguson was quick to defend Cantona, the out-of-form Manchester United captain, on the eve of the match against Fenerbahçe yesterday

performance against Liverpool had been among the worst of his life, is the United captain, Eric Cantona. Indeed, Ferguson grew irritated yesterday when questioned about him. "Are you telling me there is some player in the world who has been magnificent all his life? Is that what you are trying to tell me? Listen. Eric

will be playing tomorrow." Ferguson's explanation for a's lanse in form, his

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last Saturday, when he strayed out to the left wing, was that, because France no longer pick him, Cantona had to train almost alone in Manchester recently, the others being away for nearly a fortnight on international duty, with the exception of David May.

Sebastiao Lazaroni, the Brazilian who coaches Fenerbahçe, also spoke in with a slightly mischievous aside. Cantona is a fine player, Lazaroni enthused. 'He is Manchester United's captain and I appreciate him a lot even if, sometimes, he disappears during games. When he does do something it is often something special."

Lazaroni, like his predecessor in charge of the Turkish club, Carlos Alberto Parreira, is not exactly a guardian angel of the beautiful game. He coached the 1990 Brazil World Cup side, Parreira coached the 1994 World Cup winners, and both are of the school of pragmatists who have tried to

prisingly, Lazaroni spoke yesterday of "concentrating 100 per cent during the game because Manchester United have players in the front line. on the flanks and even from midfield who can penetrate very fast. Our first job is to neutralise these dangers."

Fenerbahçe's league record suggests that neutralising is second nature to them. They have conceded only six goals in 11 games this season, and let in only 19 in 34 last term. And, as Peter Schmeichel will know, it is not an excitable defence that responds to the

equal number handed on a

plate to his grateful team-mates, looks like the Spanish

equivalent of the snip of the

There is another reason

crowds. Jes Hogh, who has played 29 times for Denmark in front of Schmeichel, is an eloquent talker on and off the field, a calm player.

"We have to win four points out of these two games against Manchester United," Hogh reasoned, "Or else our chance of qualifying behind Juventus in the group is gone."

Both sides agree on that: both Ferguson and Lazaroni leading team in the group, and concede that they are effectively playing one another for second place. When that place can earn upwards of 67 miltion, it is not surprising that there are tensions around the camps, despite the calming weather and the best intentions of everyone not to lapse

into hysterical nationalism. United players and officials admit that they would settle for a draw tonight, given their unbeaten record in European games at Old Trafford. However, though Fenerbahoe re-putedly think of themselves as a smaller dub, do not be fooled. Founded at the turn of

English families or by students of the French college of St Joseph — depending on which page of history you turn

many years of experience.

Fenerbahçe have gathered

They expend no mean wealth on recruiting worldly talent Apart from Hogh, they have two Africans: the central defender, Uche Okechukwu, and, in midfield, Augustine Okocha, a mercurial Nigerian witch and bemuse. And their attack comprises Elvir Bolic, a Bosnian now naturalised in Turkey who has scored 11 goals in nine games this season, and Emil Kostadinov, the Bulgarian who can be unforgivingly sharp, or down-right nasty. Fenerbahçe believe that they must stand up and beat United tonight.

And for United? This, surely, is a time to go gentle, but not meek, into the night.

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add order and defensiveness to Brazil's game. So, unsurreligious fervour of Turkish the century, either by two Wonder-goal elevates Ronaldo to superstar status in Spain

Tunku Varadarajan on the boy from

Brazil now taking Barcelona by storm

he Spanish sporting press has always been partial to purple prose, but read these lines from the football correspondent of El Pais: "This boy, with the body of a mastiff, the looks of a lamb and the teeth of a bunny rabbit, is one of those mutations that happens when the

Gods play dice."

Try this offering next, from the man from the ABC news-paper, who is presumably trying to describe magic to his readers: "He creates art each time he touches the ball, and instead of football boots he seems to wear two large baskets, from which a white rabbit could leap out at any time." The writer from El Mundo, by comparison, is prosaic. "He has the power of an American quarterback and the lungs of a German midfield player. He is a species of deca-footballer. He is the

The object of this veneration, the idol of every footballwatching Spaniard, is Ron-aldo. This 20-year-old from Brazil has so entranced Spain that comparisons with Di Stefano, Maradona, even Pelé, are now made almost daily in the press. He cost Barcelona 2.500 million pese-tas (about £125 million), a sum which after seven goals in seven league games and an

aldo has shown that he is the best young footballer in the Pelé. I could take that goal around the world and I'd be sure that no one has seen

why Spain has, recently, gone absolutely loco for Ronaldo. He has, according to observers here, just scored one of the greatest goals of all time, one that ranks alongside Mara-dona's unforgettable bewitch-ing of England's defence in It happened last Saturday,

in Barcelona's game against lowly Compostela. Ronaldo won possession just inside his own half, and in ten sublime seconds - in which he touched the ball 14 times, beat seven men, rode kicks and shoves and pulls at his shirt he scored a goal that had the normally composed Bobby ager, leaping from the bench and clutching his head in disbelief.

Mexico in 1986.

The goal has since been replayed on Spanish television on every possible occasion. That goal marks his apotheosis," Jose Luis Núñez. the Barcelona president, said. Robson, purring, said: "Ron-

anything better." The former England manager has reason, also, to be grateful to his Brazilian prodigy, for it has made his life a blissful one. With a player like Ronaldo in his squad, he has but two choices: either to ensure that the team plays around him, or attempt to integrate his talent into a



more complex plan. Robson, nakedly, has gone for the first

Barcelona's tactics this season have been to defend in the hope that Ronaldo will eventually launch himself at the opponents' goal and score. He has, so far, carried this plan on the back of his prodigious talent. But the rest of the team has been lacklustre, and Barcelona have conceded goals in every game. Even Compost la, 5-0 down and bewildered Ronaldo's sorcery, were able to score once.

Yet, as long as Ronaldo keeps scoring. Robson is un-worried. Only one defender has so far been able to tie him down: Cesar Gomez, of Tener ife. After that match, a shattered Gómez said: "Marking him is the most difficult job in the world. I just prayed a lot and ran my socks off. I was

Many would say he was, as the referee ought to have sent him off for at least two of his fouls on Ronaldo. Defenders are learning, however, that this boy-ox can take punish-ment without flinching. His powerful physique makes him impossible to disturb. That, plus his pace, his feints. his accuracy with both feet and his emerging genius. make him a one-man team in an II-man game.

Rangers seek to earn the right of reply

AS IF wounding results in Europe were not bad enough, Rangers have had to endure cutting words this season. Even Valeri Gazzayev, the coach of Alania Vladikavkaz, thrashed 10-3 on aggregate by the Ibrox club in the preliminary round of the European Cup, felt free to produce some disparagement after the first leg of the tie. The invective, however, has grown more marked with each game that

Another manager, Christian Gross, criticised Rangers' attitude after Grasshopper-Club's 3-0 victory in the opening match of the Champions League. Louis van Gaal did not even wait until after Ajax's meeting with the Scottish club, at the Amsterdam Arena this evening, before maligning his opponents. He had been unimpressed by Rangers when watching them lose 2-1 to Hibernian on Saturday.

The Ajax coach castigated Brian Laudrup and Paul Gascoigne, saying that "they played for themselves and not for the team". Already beaten by Grasshopper and Auxerre, Rangers require at least a draw tonight to revive their prospects of qualifying for the quarter-finals, but they also seek the means of rebuking those adversaries who have

portrayed them as the dull-ards of European football.

Van Gaal's disapproval of
Laudrup and Gascoigne was
inevitable, given that his own
vision of excellence places more emphasis on tactical intelligence than individualism. However, in rallying a Rangers squad savaged by injuries, the manager, Walter Smith, gave a pointed en-dorsement of those two players. "Any team with a Laudrup and a Gascoigne in it has got to have a chance," he

The Dane responded to Van Gaal's opinions like a man who has heard, and ignored, such accusations many times before. "You have to do what you are best at," Laudrup said. "Paul Gascoigne is very good at creating things and taking

The Rangers manager had a more antagonistic reply. "It seems that every coach we have faced this season has had some adverse comment to make," Smith said. "If that's his opinion then it is a respected one because he has had a lot of success, but maybe the effort of keeping that success going is one of the reasons he

is leaving."

Van Gaal's team has indeed been floundering and he has confirmed that he will take up a post with a foreign club next ason. It is assumed that he is to form a partnership with Bobby Robson at Barcelona. In the meantime his great achievements with Ajax, who won the European Cup in 1995 and reached the final last season, are being superseded by recrimination.

Ajax's form, since seeing Michael Reiziger and Edgar Davids move to AC Milan, under the Bosman ruling, without compensation, has been filmsy and they are at present a mid-table team in the Durch league. In Europe they have lost successive matches at home in the Champions' Cup, being beaten 1-0 both by Auxerre, in Septem-



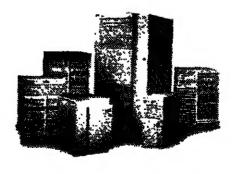
ber, and by Panathinaikos in the first leg of their semi-final last season.

Van Gaal's mood has not been helped by the likely absence this evening of the injured Jari Litmanen and Patrick Kluivert, as well as the veteran Danny Blind, who will be unavailable for months after undergoing surgery. Rangers' difficulties, though, are even more extensive and Laudrup could be the only recognised forward fit to play this evening.

The team may even lack the reassuring excellence of Andy Goram, as the goalkeeper is troubled by a hip injury. The bristles, of necessity, with youngsters such as Gra Shields, Paul McKnight, Steven Boyack and Brian McGinty. So great is Smith's predicament that he might yet be forced to field one of them before this evening is over.

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